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## Tigerama kicks off homecoming weekend

*Clemson tradition continues into its 48th year, with an optimistic view of the future.*

**HEATHER DOWELL**  
Staff Writer

Littlejohn Coliseum was packed with orange on Oct. 15 for the 48th annual "Tigerama." The program, prepared by The Blue Key Honor Society, states that the Clemson tradition is the world's largest completely student-run pep rally. It is also considered by many to be one of the best and biggest shows of Clemson spirit.

Lindsay Avery, a junior majoring in Psychology and Spanish commented, "I thought that Tigerama was really entertaining this year!"

According to the program handed out to those in attendance, 2004 marks the 48th anniversary of Tigerama. Proceeds from the ticket sales go towards the Tigerama Scholarship Endowment and the Blue Key Academic and Leadership Awards.

According to the Tigerama at Clemson University website, the concept of Tigerama was brought to Clemson in 1956 by the Clemson Alumni Association President, Joe Sherman. The first Tigerama was held on Nov. 8 1957. Since then, it has become a tradition for Clemson fans.

Emily Anderson, a member of Blue Key and a senior in Parks, Recreation and Tourism Management was appointed as the Tigerama director for 2004.

"We decided to have Tigerama at Littlejohn



**A STEP INTO THE FUTURE:** Students tour the winning stationary float on Bowman Field, built by the Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity. Inside, future plans for the University were on display.

again this year because it was such a success last year. It brings people closer to the action, and the staff at Littlejohn give it a very professional touch," said Anderson in a previously released statement.

This year's occasion featured a Pre-Tigerama

Event/Rally with performances by the Rally Cats, the Cheerleaders, the Clemson Shag Club, Impulse and Southern Accents. The Dixie Divers Parachute Team also was a part of the pre-Tigerama event.

Emcees for the evening were Clemson alumni

Bubba Britton from ESPN's "Beg, Borrow and Deal" and Mickey Plyler from the WCCP radio show "The Overdrive."

The theme for Tigerama 2004 was "The Future is Orange." The evening was kicked off by a welcome from Anderson, followed by a Silent Drill performance by the Pershing Rifles. TIGEROAR sang the national anthem, and the ladies of TakeNote followed with their rendition of the Clemson Alma Mater.

James Galloway, a senior biological sciences major, remarked, "It brought the Clemson family together in a special way."

Drew Land, the President of Blue Key, gave an Invocation, followed by an Athletic Department presentation of 2003 football highlights. Four different fraternities and sororities performed skits, judged by Charlie Bussey, Clay Gilbert, Almada Jacks, Larry Penley and Eddie Robinson. The skits were weighed on the basis of ingenuity, creativity, and constructive merit of the scenes portrayed.

The judges also considered the use of the theme in the skits — "The Future is Orange" was chosen in hopes of finding from a student's perspective what Clemson students think is in store for Clemson University in the future.

Alpha Delta Pi and Sigma Nu won the skit competition.

The Tiger Band played several songs and was followed by George Bennett, a former head cheerleader. He led the crowd in a cheer, warming them up for a routine by the Clemson Cheerleaders and the Rally Cats.

TakeNote, Clemson's all-female a cappella

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## Thefts continue unsolved

*Clemson police continue to search for suspects in string of dormitory robberies.*

**ASHLEY GALLOWAY**  
Staff Writer

A string of thefts rumbled through Byrnes Residence hall last week as four separate incidents of theft were reported to the Clemson University Police Department within days of each other.

Oct. 7-10 marked the four day period during which these thefts occurred, said Chief of Clemson University Police, Greg Harris. Among the list of things reported stolen were wallets, cash, jewelry and a laptop computer; an estimated value of all the stolen property has yet to be determined says Harris.

Harris says that tips keep coming and police continue to interview individuals who may have seen something. "People begin to remember things that may have occurred that seemed peculiar at the time but had no relevance to them," he said.

"Personally I think it's the fault of the individual for not locking their doors," said Tarsha Britton, resident assistant for Manning Hall, which resides in Bryan Mall with Byrnes.

She goes through a week of training to go over safety programs at the beginning of every semester; she then relays the information to the residents on her hall.

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**THIEVERY!:** A string of unsolved robberies has plagued one of the high rises, Byrnes Hall. Items stolen include wallets, cash and jewelry.

## Faculty, students split over removed trees

*Removal of trees near science building raises questions.*

**NAYLOR BROWNELL**  
Interim News Editor

On Oct. 7, some workers near Jordan Hall created a stir by cutting down a row of river birches next to Jordan Hall. The stand of trees was cut down and their roots were removed; now, squares of cement have replaced the birches next to the science building.

When the stumps were all that remained of the trees, anonymous people put out hastily-made computer-paper signs; one read "MASSACRE," while another displayed Joyce Kilmer's poem "Trees."

According to Adrienne Gerus, Director of Landscape Services, the trees were not completely healthy, and they could pose a potential hazard for the future as their health declined. River birches are brittle trees that could snap under stress, she said. This could put students in jeopardy, so the threat had to be eliminated.

"They were dangerous," she said. "They were never meant to be long-term trees."

Gerus emphasized that river birches are not strong, enduring trees. She added that sometimes landscape architects do not always

take potential size into account when they plan for trees next buildings.

Faculty members in the Biological Sciences Department was surprised when they heard chainsaws outside; Lecturer Michael Childress actually videotaped the tree-cutting.

"We asked the workers what was going on," Childress said. "They said it was an approved work order."

Neither he nor any of the other faculty knew that the trees were going to be removed, so Childress contacted Gerus, and she expressed the situation to him. They discussed the now-defunct University Landscape Committee that used to advise Landscaping Services on the removal of trees. Gerus explained that faculty members on the committee stopped attending, so it was disbanded.

Childress and Gerus also discussed options for student groups to help replace the trees — both the Biological Sciences Club and the Biological Sciences Graduate Student Association have expressed an interest in restoring the loss.

"When I mentioned this to Ms. Gerus she was only lukewarm to the idea," said Childress. He cited an incident a few years ago when Students for Environmental

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### SPORTS



Former player Jeff Davis continues to be an active part of the Clemson family. Read about his accomplishments, **B2**

### WEATHER

**FRIDAY:** Weather Description

**74°**  
**51°**

**SATURDAY:** Partly Cloudy

Hi **68** Lo **55**

**SUNDAY:** Partly Cloudy

Hi **74** Lo **46**

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## Clarification

In the Oct. 8 edition of The Tiger, the article titled "Contractors Gain Recognition" misrepresented the situation. The article stated that students in the organization "were involved in all aspects of the construction, as well as budgeting and scheduling" for the Calhoun Field Laboratory. In truth, the club members only assisted in structural construction, and were not involved in budgeting.

## NationalView

### Soldier guilty of abuse

Staff Sgt. Ivan L. Frederick II, the highest-ranking U.S. soldier charged in the Abu-Ghraib prison abuse scandal, pleaded guilty Wednesday to five counts of abusing prisoners. Frederick allegedly engaged in a series of abuses of Iraqi detainees, including watching while prisoners were forced to masturbate and placing wires in the hands of a prisoner who was told he would be electrocuted if he fell from on top of a box. Several other charges against Frederick were dropped when he struck a plea bargain, Frederick's attorney said.

### Scientists re-estimate number of human genes

The scientists who decoded the human genome released this week a new estimate of the number of human genes that is significantly lower than previous estimates. Scientists now put the number of human genes with information for making proteins between 20,000 and 25,000—slightly more than has a species of roundworm. In 2001, the same group of scientists estimated the number of genes at between 30,000 and 40,000, and five years ago, a common estimate in the science community was 100,000.

## GlobalPerspective

### Bishop blasts report

A prominent bishop from one of the world's largest Anglican churches railed against a new church report about the ordination of gay bishops. Archbishop Peter Akinola called the report "patronizing." Church leaders ordered the report after the U.S. diocese's recent appointment of Bishop Gene Robinson, a gay man. The report called for both sides of the controversial issue to seek reconciliation but also said the U.S. diocese should apologize for the Robinson appointment. However, Akinola said this week he thinks the report is not harsh enough in rebuking those responsible for making Robinson a bishop and added that this issue could cause a rift in the church.

### British-Iraqi relief worker kidnapped

CARE International director Margaret Hassan was seized Tuesday in Iraq by unidentified kidnappers. Hassan, who married an Iraqi and has lived in Iraq for 30 years, was abducted on the way to her Baghdad office, but so far the group claiming responsibility has not been identified. Arabic television broadcast video showing Hassan seated in a room and close-ups of her identification credentials. CARE, Hassan's relief group, rebuilds health centers and labs and provides supplies to hospitals, among other humanitarian efforts.

## NewsByNumbers

4

Games in a row that the Redsox won to come from behind in the ALCS.

10

Typhoons that have struck Japan's mainland this year, a record.

1,246

Deaths coalition forces have suffered in Iraq since march.

70,000

Estimated number of dead in conflict in Darfur region of Sudan.

# Seminar honors park enthusiast

*Park Service employees discuss contributions of deceased director.*

**ADAM THOMPSON**  
Interim Assistant News Editor

Colleagues and friends of George B. Hartzog Jr. gathered Wednesday at Clemson University to deliver a panel discussion honoring a man who made significant contributions to the country's natural conservation and National Park Service.

Hartzog was the seventh director of the National Park Service and served under Presidents Lyndon Johnson and Richard Nixon. His administration achieved the largest expansion of the country's national park system in history, and he has continued to be involved in conservation efforts since then.

The Hartzog Lecture, a series begun in 1978, usually includes an address on the environment by one expert, but this year, organizers invited a panel of four to speak about Hartzog, the man, and his legacy.

Robert Utley, who served with the National Park Service for 25 years in various capacities, including as historian, spoke first at the lecture to an audience that included many Clemson students and faculty.

"He was a workaholic; he was dynamic; he was brimming with energy; he was tireless; he was overflowing with projects and purposes," Utley said of Hartzog.

Utley characterized Hartzog as a dedicated visionary who knew how to work the bureaucracy of Washington D.C. in order to push his programs through and reform a National Park Service that, up until his administration, was small and resistant to change.

The next panelist to speak, William Brown,

National Park Service historian under Hartzog, added to the portrait of Hartzog with some anecdotes about his personal experiences with the man.

Hartzog, who was notorious for his redoubtable, sometimes ruthless, leadership, also cared deeply for the people who worked for him, Brown said.

Brown told the story of Hartzog taking Sen Alan Bible, chairman of a parks subcommittee, on a trip to Alaska to show him the landscape. The trip allowed Hartzog to push through an amendment to preserve Alaska in a series of new national parks, an amendment Brown called "the greatest conservation act of all time."

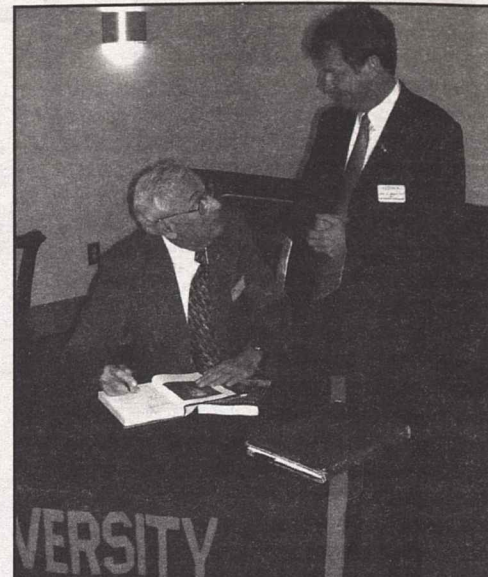
Panelist Gary Everhardt, National Park Service director from 1975 to 1977, spoke of Hartzog's ability to see the potential of the people who worked for him and his intuition that made him put these people in positions where they would use their potential to the fullest.

"Speaking for the many retirees and employees who share a special affection towards George Hartzog: We will always be grateful for the standard of excellence he set for the service and giving us the environmental ethics to continue to work to protect and preserve these unique and special treasured places for the benefit of future generations," Everhardt said.

The last panelist to speak was Robert Stanton, 15th overall and first African American National Park Service Director.

Stanton served from 1997 to 2000 as director under President Bill Clinton, but had been involved with the park service since 1962 when he became a ranger at Grand Teton National Park.

"Director Hartzog had courage to lead the National Park Service, and indeed the conservation movement, in a new direction," Stanton said.



**BOOK IT:** Park historian Robert Utley signs copies of his book following the discussion.

He stressed the social turmoil going on during Hartzog's park service administration and Hartzog's willingness, despite all of that, to let women, Hispanics and African Americans enter the park service workforce.

"I am very humble and shall always be indebted to director Hartzog, who looked out and saw my face and said, 'Bob Stanton, you will become...the first Negro superintendent in the National Parks Service.' We have, in fact, come a long way," Stanton said.

The event, which was also part of Clemson's Environmental Seminar Series, was co-sponsored by the Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism Management, the College of Health, Education and Human Development and the Strom Thurmond Institute.

## Want to Enjoy the Game... WITHOUT GETTING TOWED?

**A parking reminder for the October 23, 2004 Maryland Football Game @ 12 p.m. You MUST move all vehicles from Lots P3, P4, R2, and R3 TWELVE HOURS (12) prior to the start of the football game. Please move vehicles by midnight on Friday, October 22.**

**Students who are required to relocate their cars may park from Friday evening until Sunday morning at the Fran Hanson Discovery Center (formerly known as the Wren House) at the Botanical Gardens. All vehicles must be removed from the Hanson Center by noon on Sunday. IF the Discovery Center Lot fills, overflow parking will be permitted on the grass at Kite Hill near the fire department. All vehicles must be moved by 7 a.m. Monday morning.**

**C.A.T. buses will provide transportation between the Hanson center, Kite Hill, the Hendrix Center and the Dillard Building. Buses will be operating:**

**Fridays: 3 p.m. to midnight**

**Saturdays: Two hours after the game until midnight**

**Sundays: 9 a.m. to noon**

**Auxiliary Student Patrol escort services will be available between midnight and 7 a.m. on Fridays and Saturdays of home game weekends.**

**Thanks,  
Geary Robinson  
Director of Parking Services**



# University researches nerve reconstruction

*Bioengineers work towards revolutionary methods in spinal cord regeneration.*

**JOHN LUPTON**  
Staff Writer

The recent death of Christopher Reeve is a grim reminder of modern science's limits. An estimated 247,000 Americans are paralyzed with little hope of recovering, but Clemson University is doing its part in working towards a world where the miracles of science can play the role of superman.

Members of Clemson's department of bioengineering say that the sudden discovery of a cure is unrealistic, but that in the near future, there will be much more treatment available for victims of paralysis.

"I think within 10 years we'll

see a lot of new therapies being approved," said Assistant Professor of Bioengineering Charles Webb. "They will definitely improve patients' ability to recover."

Webb joined Clemson's staff a year ago when the bioengineering program incorporated this type of research. Clemson is researching spinal cord reconstruction on campus as well as in Charleston at the Medical University of South Carolina. The professors and graduate students working at these sites are by no means alone in their attempt to help improve the lives of the paralyzed. The effort is nationwide. But Webb said their involvement in this nationwide effort is significant.

Some of the staff gave a presentation at the Society for Biomaterials convention in Philadelphia last weekend, attended by scientists from all over the country.

"I think Clemson can make

a valuable contribution," said Webb.

Webb and his colleagues are trying to find a way to reconstruct damaged nerves in the spinal cord that cause paralysis.

In the last year they have received over \$150,000 from the South Carolina Spinal Cord Research Foundation, which Bioengineering Department Chair Martine Laberge said will go a long way toward furthering this very young science here at Clemson.

"Right now there's almost no treatment for spinal cord damage," said Webb, who explained that patients take medication after the damage occurs, but that this medicine only stops further damage and does not repair anything.

According to Webb the slight improvements Christopher Reeve experienced were the result of intense physical therapy alone.

"Nerves aren't able to regenerate," said Webb. "That's the reason for paralysis. We're trying to develop ways that we can stimulate these nerves to re-grow and get people to be able to walk again."

Some researchers focus on a method called cell transplantation.

This treatment method would transfer to the damaged area a patient's cells that are more likely to re-grow tissue. Clemson's research team deals with biomaterials, a method which would use polymer fibers to engineer tissue entirely outside the body.

"What we're trying to do is to develop something that can be implanted at the site of injury," said Webb.

Webb thinks biomaterials are a better solution that could be used potentially by anyone, because they can be stored, manufactured and distributed.

With biomaterials being used for spinal cord reconstruction, nerve cells are placed in the grooves of polymer fibers, which channel their growth to form a tissue.

Webb is using biological reactors to induce mechanical forces that would occur in the body in an attempt to create a tissue that could be implanted into a damaged spinal cord.

But while this solution has great potential, it is still very much in the early stages.

"Nothing's really approved for implantation," said Webb. "It just takes a long time."

Daniel Bakken, a graduate assistant who spoke at the convention in Philadelphia last weekend, was optimistic despite the long road ahead.

"There's a lot of work still to be done," he said. "I feel by combining a lot of different things, we'll solve it."

## Police arrest student

*Officials charge student with second-degree sexual exploitation.*

**WILL SPINK**  
Opinions Editor

Clemson junior education major Isaiah Trillo was arrested Friday, Oct. 15 and charged with a felony count of second-degree sexual exploitation of a minor. The arrest came after authorities found video files on Trillo's computer that "contained visual representation of a minor engaged in sexual activity," according to the arrest warrant obtained from the CUPD.

Trillo, 21, of Taylors, S.C., faces between two and five years of imprisonment if convicted of the crime. The arrest warrant also states that after being advised of his Miranda rights, Trillo "voluntarily admitted to downloading these files and recording these images." After his arraignment on Friday, Trillo was released on a \$5,000 personal recognizance bond.

The University temporarily suspended

Trillo pending an administrative hearing with Judicial Services, which has now also been completed. The results of the hearing are not available due to the confidentiality of student educational records, said Alesia Smith, Director of Judicial Services at the University.

The warrant states that an employee of the University's Laptop Repair Center discovered the files on Trillo's computer in early September and reported them to the University Police Department. The CUPD and the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) subsequently searched the computer before arresting the student.

While students do sign an agreement to the University's Computer Misuse Policy when they enter campus, this incident was reported to the proper authorities due to its appearance as a violation of civil law rather than as a University computer policy violation, explained Phil Lyles, Director of Computing.

Prior to his arrest and interim suspension from the University, Trillo was news editor of The Tiger and a member of the 2004 Ethics Bowl team.

## City police arrest man in connection to homicide

*Officers apprehend local man in killing of Clemson resident last Sunday.*

**ASHLEY GALLOWAY**  
Staff Writer

Seneca native Archie Eugene Hoover, 25, is charged with murder in the death of Wesley Logan, 22, of Clemson, S.C., according to a warrant issued by Clemson police. Logan, father of three, who lived with his mother and brothers at 411 Lindsey Rd. Apt. 4, was found shot to death in the passenger seat of an acquaintance's car Sunday, Oct. 10 after his brother heard shot fired outside their home, according to a WYFF report.

Hoover was arrested Wednesday night, Oct. 13, at 104 Sterling Woods Apartments in Clemson, just a few blocks from the complex where Logan lived, Clemson Police Chief Jimmy Dixon said.

Logan and Hoover were acquaintances, and police believe the incident stemmed from a past argument but can't pin-point an exact reason for the murder, Dixon said.

Dixon is pleased by the excellent police work exhibited by his department. However, he admits that it was a total team effort. "It was gratifying as a chief to watch two separate units within the police department come together and work as one," Dixon said.

Uniform patrol officers and detectives worked together on small pieces of information from interviews and tips and tracked down leads that started showing "a lot of similarities," Dixon said.

This was the first homicide in Clemson in three years.



**EUGENE  
HOOVER**

## Activist addresses date rape causes, effects

*Victim's mother comes to campus to increase rape awareness among students.*

**KATHERINE DUPRE**  
Staff Writer

In the fall of 1995, Kristin Cooper was a sophomore at Baker University in Kansas. She was a member of Alpha Chi Omega, an expert skier from the mountains of Colorado, a swimmer, and was active in band, choir and drama.

On the night of New Year's Eve of that same year, her mother Andrea Cooper came home to find Kristina dead of a self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head on the family room floor.

Cooper shared the story of her daughter's last months through a presentation called "Kristin's Story" in Tillman Hall on Tuesday. The speech included poetry, letters and descriptions from the personal journal found next to Kristin's body on the night of her death. It was not until Cooper read the journal for the first time that she realized her daughter had been date raped prior to her suicide.

Since then, Cooper has traveled around the country to speak to campuses and conferences about the aftermath of rape and to try to convince victims to come forward. She visited 45 colleges, four conferences and more than 24,000 people in 2004 alone. Twenty of those visits, including this one to Clemson, were made possible with grants through Alpha Chi Omega and Cooper's own sorority, Delta Delta Delta.

Members of the two sororities were present at the discussion to dis-

tribute fliers, cozies decorated with emergency phone numbers and ribbons to promote awareness of sexual assault and violence against women.

"It's healing for me," Cooper said. "It keeps Kristin's memory alive, and maybe by talking about it, I can help someone."

According to the Rape Crisis Council of Pickens County, one out of every four females will be sexually assaulted in their college years. However, rape counts for only seven percent of the college crimes reported nationally, falling far behind less-stigmatized crimes like robbery or burglary. The crimes simply go unreported.

Cooper explained that the problem is that girls are afraid to go public about their sexual attack. Some do not want their parents to find out, some do not want to be forced to go to court and many more are convinced that it is their own fault.

Women's Studies professor Dr. Elisa Sparks explains why this is so dangerous.

"The conservative definition of rape is that it is done by a stranger or with a weapon, so a lot of women don't define date rape as actual rape," Sparks explained. Therefore, she said, victims fail to report it to the police, press charges or seek psychological help.

Cooper strongly urged any student who has been raped or who is close to a victim to contact the Clemson police, who will refer them to Redfern Health Center for medical attention or psychological counseling. Counseling at Redfern is free, and parents will not be notified if the

the months after her rape. Cooper now wishes that one of her friends had taken her to counseling to help her get over these feelings of depression.

Kristin's journal revealed a second component to her depression besides the rape alone. When she finally gathered up the courage to tell her boyfriend about the rape, he consequently broke up with her.

"That's what we're battling in society, the idea that we have to forgive (the victim)," Cooper said. "It's never her fault. She could walk into a fraternity stark naked, and still no one has the right to touch her. It's never her fault."

This was something that Kristin could not come to terms with. After the rejection from her boyfriend, she didn't know how to come forward to her parents, and her depression deepened. By the time she came home for Christmas break, she had already decided to end her life.

Cooper offered a simple solution. If a friend hears that her friend has been raped, he or she should "listen to them — don't judge or blame the victim." Victims may also need temporary shelter, and for a friend to be patient and understanding as they

deal with the aftermath.

According to the Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network (RAINN), only four out of ten of all estimated rapes and sexual assaults in 2001 were reported to the police. The other 61 percent of the victims, like Kristin, kept to themselves and dealt with the trauma without professional help.

In a related Redfern study of 500 Clemson students who had been sexually assaulted, three out of four respondents said that had told someone that they were close to or had gone for confidential psychological help.

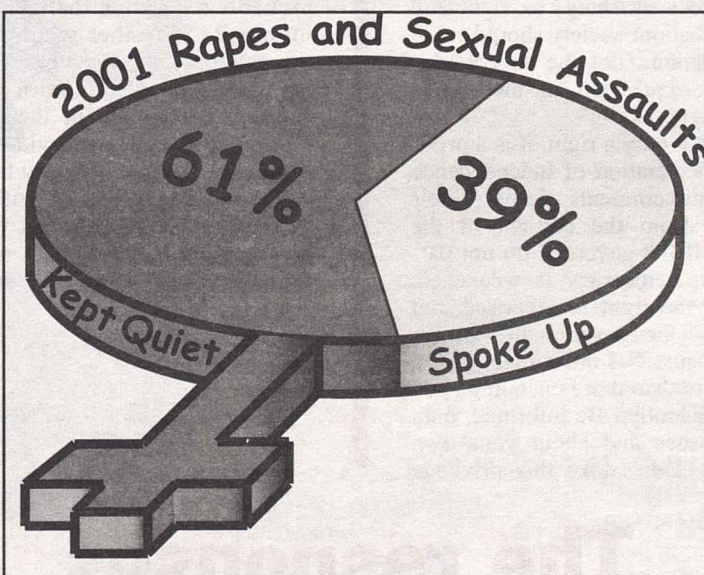
However, in 2003, only one sexual assault was reported to the police, a fact that Sparks believes is due to a fear of coming forward about the attack.

"We're trying to get the word out that it's okay to tell," she said.

Psychologists are on hand at Redfern to listen to rape victims without judging or blaming, to give comfort, and to look for signs of post-rape trauma. Without proper training, Cooper wasn't able to spot these signs in her daughter.

"I was not able to help Kristin, but I hope that by being here, I have helped a man or a woman in the audience," she said.

Cooper added that female date rape is not the only type of sexual assault threatens the population. Male rape, marital rape and stranger rape are other traumatizing experiences that frequently go unreported, and carry with them the same post-traumatic stress symptoms.



**VICTIMIZED:** Three of every five rape victims fails to report the crime. Cooper encourages all victims to speak out and seek help.

victim is older than 17. No charges will be pressed if the victim is found to have been under the influence of drugs or alcohol, nor is the victim required to press charges. An incident report can be filed that remains anonymous; even if the rapist later goes to court, the original victim's name is never revealed.

One of the most detrimental repercussions of rape is a form of post-traumatic stress disorder, from which Kristin suffered severely in

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**BARKERism...**

"Clemson has proved many times that it is not afraid to make tough decisions." December 20, 2000





# Election 2004

**Mr. Carey** is a lecturer in the department of political science and Second Vice-Chair of the Anderson County Republican Party. He is also a doctoral student in the policy studies program at Clemson.

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**Dr. Robert W. Smith** is an assistant professor of political science and faculty advisor to the Clemson Democrats.

### Voting

## The platforms

### BUSH

"I go on this great republican principle, that the people will have virtue and intelligence to select men of virtue and wisdom. To suppose that any government will secure liberty or happiness without any virtue in the people is a chimerical idea." — James Madison

"While the laws of man may change, the laws of nature and God are unchanging."

To withstand the battering winds of common fads and short-lived ideas,

to protect the liberties that we of this nation enjoy, and to secure the blessings of those liberties for ourselves and our posterity, we must learn the lessons of history and remain true to those principles upon which this great nation was founded."

Source: Preamble, South Carolina Republican Party Platform, <http://www.scgop.com/documents/platform.pdf>

Young people (18 to 24-year-olds) historically have some of the lowest levels of participation in the electoral process (only 26 percent voted in the 2000 race). In 2004, Kerry/Edwards seek to change that, and here are a few examples: Florida College Democrats are camping out in order to vote early; Ripon College's student newspaper polled students and found a groundswell of support for Senator Kerry; Auburn College Democrats are registering and contacting voters to help Senator Kerry; the Mississippi State University College Democrats chapter participated in MSU's Homecoming Parade this year. Student leaders commented, "This was our first year to participate in the event, and we decided to go all out," students from Syracuse University's College Democrats gathered to call voters as part of a national effort by Kerry supporters called Democracy on the Quad; if Melissa Zamora were an average

20-year-old Loras College (Iowa) political science student, she would be spending 14 hours a week in lecture halls listening to professors — instead, she puts in 12-hour days, seven days a week, to help Sen. John Kerry's bid for president; over 5,000 College Democrats participated in nationwide debate parties on over 100 college campuses to watch the first of the three Presidential debates — after the debate, Party participants dialed in to a nationwide call featuring members of hip-hop super group The Black Eyed Peas; Democrats in Michigan are trying to make voting easier for college students; and Clemson Democrats have record numbers involved in local, State and Presidential campaigns! The list goes on...and speaks for itself... young people... college Democrats are active like never before!

Source: The College Democrats at <http://www.collegedems.com/blog>

## The "spin" — By Carey and Smith

Someone recently told me that he believed that all politicians are alike — they don't do what they say they will do, so therefore there is no point in even listening to them. With all deference to this individual, that is intellectual laziness. People running for office are just that: people. Some will do their best to keep their promises, and some will say anything to get elected, including lie. To paint all "politicians" with the broad-brush stroke of "liar" is a cop out. It is taking the easy way out.

Here is a challenge: Do your homework! Find out what each of the candidates for president (or Senate, or Congress, etc.) is saying — find out what they stand for and compare it to what you believe. Then look at their record and see if they have made a serious effort to accomplish what they have promised to do in the past, and if they have stood by their stated convictions. In my case, this means that I most always vote for Republicans but not simply because of their party label — that too would be intellectual laziness. I vote for candi-

dates who stand for the things that I believe in — that the people's money is best spent by the people; that jobs and wealth are created by a free market, not by government; that people should be responsible for their own actions; that human life should be valued regardless of age — whether infant or elderly; that there are such things as right and wrong, and that our society should value religious freedom, not the suppression of religious expression in the public square.

Voting is not only a right, it is a privilege. The Declaration of Independence states that governments derive "their just powers from the consent of the governed." If the governed do not participate, then democracy is weakened. Likewise, if the right is exercised, but taken lightly, the government's power will not be "just." I encourage you to vote, but more than that I encourage you to vote intelligently. Be informed, both about the issues and about your own convictions. Don't take this privilege lightly.

What makes young people vote in an election? In many respects, that's a complicated personal, political, behavioral and societal phenomenon. In fact, this is a great question to ask your local Clemson University political scientist — perhaps even a reason to enroll in a class! And frankly, this is probably a question that gets analyzed too much! In other words, we study the phenomena but without encouraging young people to learn about and actively participate in the grassroots political process. But, evidence points to a young person's affinity for a cause, a personal identification with a candidate or an overall sense of wanting to do the right thing for the nation and society. Whatever your reason, voting

is a privilege and an obligation in a democracy. Exercise your right, meet your obligation and make a difference — your future depends on it! The past few weeks we have tried to engage the student body and broader readership of *The Tiger* to think about some critical issues in the 2004 Presidential race. I thank my colleague Rob Carey for an engaging discourse while representing the "other view," and I particularly thank the Editorial Board of *The Tiger* for promoting this series! The resolution of a host of national/global issues, your individual futures and the very hopes for our democratic form of government are in your hands! Please vote for the candidate of your choice on Nov. 2, 2004!

## The responses



**DEZ PALMER**

Voting is more important now than ever. This year's election is sure to bring out more people than ever, because very few people like the way the last four years have ended up. This has to happen because we elected poor leadership, and the only way to keep this from happening again is to vote.



**TAWANA STARKS**

The youth of America are going to be the determining factor in this year's election. It is critical that college students voice their opinions in a political point of view because the decisions made in Washington affect us. I will vote to ensure that my vote is heard and that "W" can't buy this election. Vote or die!



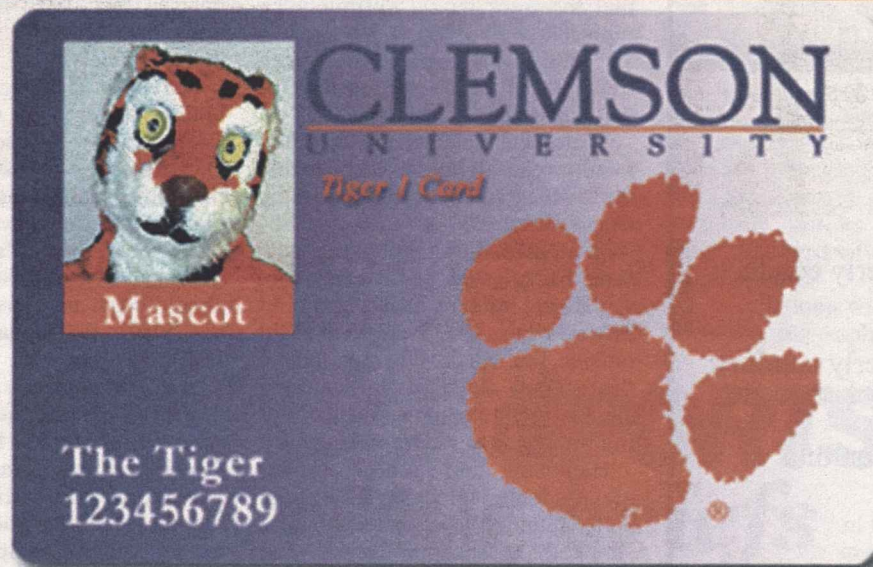
**JAY EAGLESON**

The bottom line is that I want to vote because one of my best friends is in the ROTC program here at Clemson. There is not one day that goes by in our apartment when he does not preach to me about the upcoming election. I'm sure you can guess who he is pulling for. However, my personal decision to vote is important because I value the privilege of choosing our country's leader.





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# IN THE BOOKS



## Campus Arrests

The following are arrests that were made by the Clemson University police department from Wednesday, October 14 to Wednesday, October 20.

### October 15

2:34 a.m., James Hamilton, public disorderly conduct: drunk, Bowman Field, officer: Lyle

4:20 a.m., Preston Godfrey, public disorderly conduct: drunk, Highway 93, officer: Hughey

10:03 a.m., Isaiah Trillo, sexual exploitation of a minor, officer: McAbee

### October 16

2:48 a.m., Samuel Murray, public disorderly conduct: drunk, Champions Avenue, officer: Hogue

3:06 p.m., Frederick Hasher, public disorderly conduct-drunk, Williamson Road, officer: Malloy

### October 17

2:49 a.m., Edward Shaver, public disorderly conduct: drunk, Sirrene/Bennet, officer: Hogue



## Crime Report

The following calls were among those that Clemson University police responded to from Wednesday, October 14 to Wednesday, October 20.

### October 13

10:49 p.m., petit larceny, intramural fields, officer: Gantt

### October 14

5:37 p.m., Internet harassment, officer: Gray

9:03 p.m., minor in possession, officer: Robinson

### October 15

2:43 a.m., minor in possession, Lightsey Bridge, officer: Hughey

### October 16

5:30 p.m., larceny of laptop, Lightsey Bridge, officer: Kaylor

### October 17

9:00 p.m., assault and battery of a high and aggravated nature, Godley Snell, officer: Kaylor

### October 18

3:57 a.m., assault, Lighsey Bridge, officer: Lyle

### October 19

2:49 a.m., damage to vehicle, Lot 5, officer: Robinson

1:40 p.m., trash fire, Brackett, CUFD

## Officer Tracker

★ 1 arrest These are the running tallies of each officer's arrests since September 3, 2004.  
5 arrests

Felton ★★

Hillyer ★★

Hogue ★

Hughey ★★

Lyle ★★

McAbee ★

Miller ★★

Owen ★★

Robinson ★★

Schiraldi ★

Schutt ★★

Simpson ★

## TREES

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Awareness desired to plant a tree in the President's Park. According to Childress and a former member of the club, the students had to present their idea to the Campus Planning Committee and obtain permission.

Gerus emphasized, however, that the trees would definitely be replaced.

"We'd like to replace them with trees that are more appropriate for that small space," she said.

Biological Science students and faculty were delighted to hear that the birches will be replaced in the near future.

"I'm glad they're planting new trees back," said Shala Hankison, a graduate student in Dr. Margaret Ptaček's lab. The trees were right outside the window to her lab on the second floor of Jordan, and Hankison was responsible for taping the poem to the tree stumps.

Hankison and fellow graduate students Michele Kittel and Kelly Gunnell said that they were shocked when the trees were removed.

"Why is it so easy to take trees away if it's so hard to put them back?" lamented Kittel.

Hankison added that she would have liked to have been informed that the trees were going to go.

Gunnell agreed, adding, "There

was no consultation or warning. We still don't really know why."

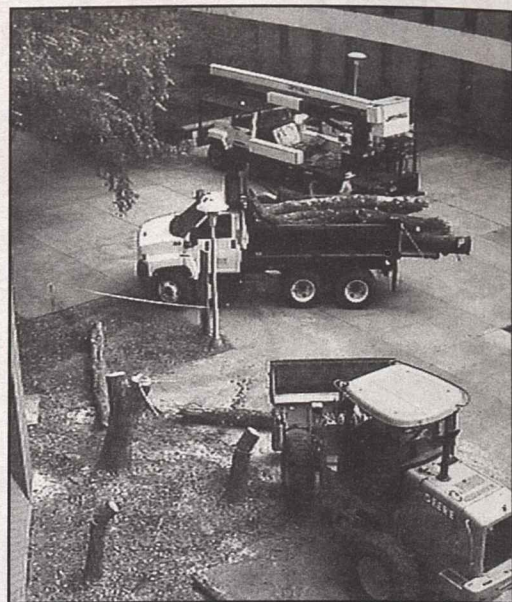
Gerus said that they haven't yet decided what type of tree will replace the birches, but she speculated that holly trees would fill the spot nicely.

Karen Hall, a botany lecturer in the Biological Sciences Department, suggested that the landscapers plant native trees.

"If one of our goals is sustainability, then we should look to natives to fulfill that goal," Hall said.

She suggested a tree smaller than a river birch, like the Franklinia, a small tree with camellia-like blooms. Hall also had a suggestion to maintain the health of the trees. One of the reasons the birches were suffering, according to Gerus, was because people would walk on the dirt around them. Hall suggested planting some native ferns as well, to prevent people from treading on the dirt.

Gunnell is still saddened that



COURTESY OF MICHAEL CHILDRESS

**HACK AND SLASH:** Workers remove the trees next to Jordan Hall on Oct. 7. Many faculty members and students were shocked to see the stumps.

the trees were cut down in the first place. She noted that by the time she leaves Clemson, any trees planted would come nowhere near replacing the ones that used to shade her window.

"We liked looking at the shade," Gunnell said. "We liked looking at the robin's nest and the squirrels."

## TIGERAMA

FROM PAGE A1

group sang and was trailed by Coach Oliver Purnell and Coach Jim Davis, who gave brief speeches. Next was the Clemson University Drum Line, followed by Clemson's all-male a cappella group TIGEROAR. The Rally boys gave a humorous skit and a dance performance.

Natalie Wittig, a sophomore Math and Secondary Math Education major and a member of TakeNote commented, "Tigerama was a great experience. It was awesome to see so many families and students come out to be a part of something so big. TakeNote was so happy to be able to perform. It was an incredible opportunity. We were proud to let

Clemson know who we are. Overall, I enjoyed it a lot — elderly cheerleaders and all!"

Matthew Irwin, a senior elementary education major and president of TIGEROAR added: "Tigerama is a tradition TIGEROAR looks forward to performing in every year. It seems like it gets bigger and better every time, and is an amazing Clemson tradition."

Wrapping up the evening, Miss Homecoming 2004, Suzannah Merrill was crowned.

The evening concluded with a fireworks display outside provided by Zambelli, Inc. The fireworks were launched from the rugby field.

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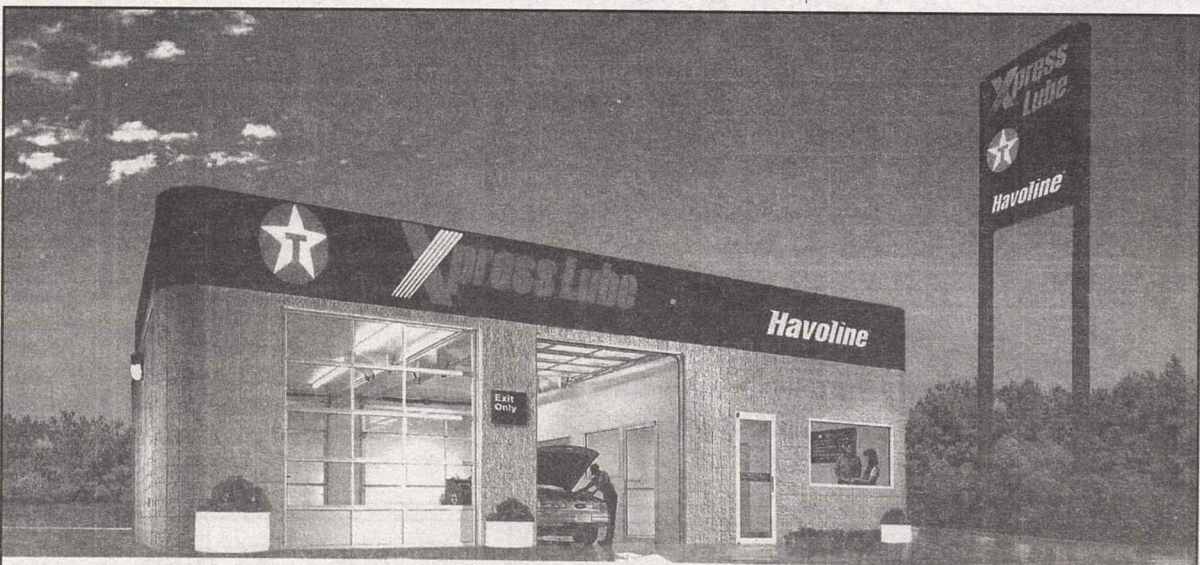
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She warns residents to always lock their doors even if it is just down the hall. "My door is always locked," Britton said.

Junior communications major Jennifer Hancock said, "We think that we all live on the same floor so we can trust each other. Nobody is going to steal my stuff," she said.

It has not been proven that these burglaries are related, and Clemson University police are desperately searching for leads said Harris.

Harris says that when the suspects are captured they will rely on probable cause to determine with what crime the individuals will be charged.



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# Tigers record homecoming win

*Clemson blows out Utah State to improve to 2-4 on the season.*

**CARISSA DONGES**  
Staff Writer

An early Saturday game brought renewed hope to Tiger fans across the country with a near-shutout victory over Utah State. The 35-6 win for the Tigers was much needed as the team went into the weekend with a 1-4 record, holding one of the worst spots on the ACC rankings.

At the start of the first half the Tigers appeared to be in familiar territory for this season, creating little excitement either defensively or offensively. The Aggies, with a strikingly similar record of 2-5, seemed to be holding their own on the field by intercepting two Charlie Whitehurst passes. Luckily, with 10:28 in the second quarter, running back Reggie Merriweather scored the first touchdown with a two-yard run.

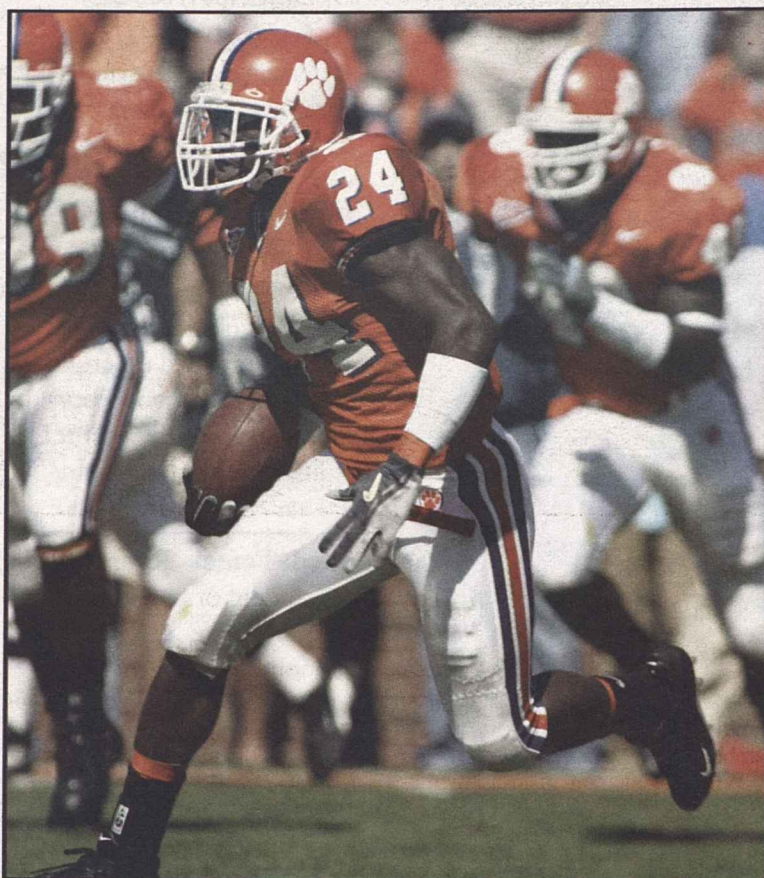
The Tigers came out in the second half with an amazing rally to clinch the homecoming win with an outstanding effort by both the offensive and defensive lines. Merriweather struck again with his second touchdown and a run of four yards in the third quarter. Merriweather, who switched from special teams earlier in his Clemson career, is now a first-team running back and was named the most improved running back during the 2004 winter workouts.

On the next Clemson possession, Whitehurst threw a 39-yard pass to Airese Currie, one of the fastest football players in the nation. This landed the Tigers on the one yard line and set up a touchdown. Whitehurst made it look easy with a roll to the right, bringing the Tigers to a 21-0 lead.

Just when things couldn't seem to get any worse for the Aggies, 6'5" defensive end Gaines Adams blocked Leon Jackson's punt in the end zone in the fourth quarter. Bobby Williams recovered it to score the Tiger's fourth touchdown. Duane Coleman delivered the final Clemson blow with a seven-yard run for a touchdown with 6:20 left on the clock. Coleman, a starting tailback, shares the school record with Tiger alumni Travis Zachery for a total of 600 yards rushing and 300 yards receiving in the same season.

As the game wound down to the last few minutes, everyone sensed a Clemson Homecoming shutout. But with no more than four seconds remaining, Jackson, Utah State's third quarterback, managed to lead the Aggies to the Clemson one yard line. Jackson rolled left in the final play and put six points on the board to end the Clemson shutout. The officials had to review the play for a few moments before awarding the touchdown to the Aggies.

The Clemson victory over Utah State was a great example of the potential and talent that the 2004 Tigers have yet to prove this season. Whitehurst completed 15 of his 23 passes for a total of 179



**PICKED OFF:** Clemson junior rover Jamaal Fudge returns an interception in the second half of the Tigers' 35-6 win over Utah State last Saturday.

yards. Merriweather had 18 carries for 84 yards and Coleman came on strong with 21 carries for 82 yards. Not only did the Tigers win by a landslide, but they also held the Aggies to an embarrassing -20 yards rushing.

The defense brought their A-game as well with an astounding 11

sacks recorded by eight Tigers, the highest number in Coach Bowden's Clemson career. "I was encouraged by the number of players that contributed," said Coach Bowden. "We'll take confidence from the standpoint by the nature that we

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## ACC title picture begins to take shape as competition intensifies

*Miami sits in first with games at N.C. State and Virginia upcoming.*

**DANIEL BLACKMON**  
Staff Writer

At the midpoint of the 2004 college football season, the face of the Atlantic Coast Conference is vastly different than any year prior to it. What was once thought of as Florida State's conference has now become one of, if not the, most powerful and balanced conferences in the land. Aiding this transition has been the inclusion of former Big East conference heavyweights Miami and Virginia Tech, who are in their first years in the league.

The "new" ACC boasts two of the nation's top five teams in the University of Miami (third ESPN/USA Today Coaches' Poll, fourth Associated Press) and Florida State University, who is ranked fifth in both polls. They are joined by fellow ACC rivals Virginia and Virginia Tech in this week's Top 25.

The first Bowl Championship Series poll has Miami at number two behind the University of Southern California. The Seminoles are fifth in the BCS rankings and are joined by the University of Virginia (15) and Virginia Tech (25), who brings up the final spot in the BCS poll.

Currently, Miami is in the driver's seat in the ACC, with an unblemished 2-0 record in conference play. They opened the season with an overtime victory over Florida State.

Florida State silenced all critics Saturday and kept themselves in the hunt by soundly defeating a potent University of Virginia team, 39-3. The Seminoles have been a much improved team since inserting sophomore quarterback Wyatt Sexton.

The Cavaliers fell to 14 in the



**TO THE HOUSE:** Miami receiver Roscoe Parrish breaks away from a Georgia Tech defender on his way to the endzone in the Canes' 27-3 win.

polls after the loss. They utilize a punishing ground game behind tailbacks Wali Lundy and Alvin Pearman. Despite quarterback Matt Schaub's early departure to the NFL, talented junior Marques Hagans has arguably been the conference's biggest surprise.

N.C. State finds itself in third currently with a 3-1 conference record. While they have been faced with the unenviable task of filling the shoes of quarterback Philip Rivers offensively, they have found a dominant defense that has kept them in games this year. This week that defense will be tested by Miami in Raleigh, NC. This game, much like last weekend's Florida State/Virginia matchup, has

major implications both nationally and within the conference. Virginia also crossed a big obstacle by defeating 25th-ranked Virginia Tech earlier in the season.

Georgia Tech is currently 4-2 overall and 3-2 in conference play. They have been explosive at times behind sophomore quarterback Reggie Ball, freshman wide receiver Calvin Johnson and junior tailback P.J. Daniels, but have also showed their youth and inexperience. The Yellow Jackets have some grueling contests ahead of them with Virginia, N.C. State and Georgia left to go.

An intriguing game this week features a matchup of two of the

underachieving teams in the league when Maryland travels to Clemson. Both teams were ranked in the Top 25 in the preseason but have fallen on hard times since. The Terrapins, at 3-3 overall and 1-2 in the ACC, haven't had the offensive firepower that has been displayed previously during fourth-year coach Ralph Friedgen's tenure.

Perhaps the best team to be near the bottom of the ACC standings is Wake Forest. The Demon Deacons, who are 3-3 overall, are winless in conference games despite taking Clemson and N.C. State to overtime and narrowly falling to Virginia Tech. They host Florida State this Saturday in Winston-Salem, N.C.

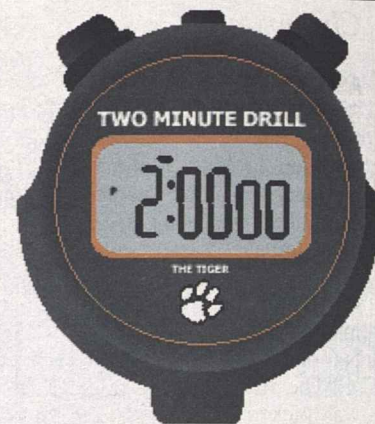
As expected, North Carolina and Duke are looking up at the rest of the league. The Tar Heels did manage to knock off N.C. State for their only conference win, however.

Duke, under first-year head coach Ted Roof, is winless in ACC games. Their only win of the season came against Division I-AA team The Citadel.

The conference picture, while clearer now than it was even a week ago, still has many great games left to go. The next two Thursdays feature pivotal ACC clashes. This coming Thursday, head coach Frank Beamer's Virginia Tech Hokies will battle Georgia Tech in Atlanta. The following Thursday, Florida State travels to Raleigh to take on head coach Chuck Amato's Wolfpack.

On Saturday Nov. 13, Virginia will have a chance to prove they do belong among the nation's elite once again when Miami comes to Charlottesville.

Both Virginia and Miami play Virginia Tech to end their seasons. The Cavaliers must travel to Blacksburg, Va. while the Hurricanes will play them in the friendly confines of the Orange Bowl in Miami.



### TIGER SCHEDULE

#### FRIDAY 10/22

Women's Volleyball vs. North Carolina - Chapel Hill, N.C.  
- TBA

Men's Soccer vs. Wake Forest - Winston-Salem, N.C.  
- 7 p.m.

Women's Tennis at Southeast Regional Championship - Winston-Salem, N.C.  
- All Day

#### SATURDAY 10/23

Football vs. Maryland - Clemson, S.C. - 12 p.m.

Women's Volleyball vs. N.C. State - Raleigh, N.C.  
- 7 p.m.

Women's Tennis at Southeast Regional Championship - Winston-Salem, N.C.  
- All Day

#### SUNDAY 10/24

Women's Rowing at Head of the Charles - Boston, Mass.  
- TBA

Women's Soccer vs. Virginia - Charlottesville, Va. - 2 p.m.

Women's Tennis at Southeast Regional Championship - Winston-Salem, N.C.  
- All Day

### SPORTS SHORTS

• Jerry Rice has been traded to the Seattle Seahawks for a seventh round draft choice. He requested the trade from the Raiders after refusing to accept a limited role in Oakland's offense. Rice is arguably the greatest receiver in NFL history. He is a 20-year veteran and a 13-time Pro Bowl selection.

• A 20-foot putt sealed Ernie Els' win over Lee Westwood for a \$1.8 million dollar payday. The win came on Els' 35th birthday and is his third straight victory in the tournament. He has won the event a record six times.

• Three Rutgers football players were injured, one seriously, Saturday night in an automobile accident with a drunk driver. Junior safety Dondre Asberry sustained a spine fracture and head injuries and remains in critical condition. Cornerbacks Manny Collins and Eddie Grimes were treated for minor head and facial injuries. None of the players start for the 4-2 Rutgers team.

• Jimmy Johnson took the checkered flag at the UAW-GM Quality 500 last Saturday night at Lowe's Motor Speedway in Charlotte, N.C. Despite the victory, Johnson is only in eighth place in the race for the NASCAR Nextel Cup Championship, 227 points behind leader Kurt Busch.



# Davis continues to lead at Clemson

Ring of Honor member led Clemson to 1981 National Championship.

**ASHLEY WASHINGTON**  
Staff Writer

When looking back at the 1981 National Championship football team, there was one player who had a huge impact on Clemson both on and off the field. Jeff "The Judge" Davis started at linebacker for Clemson in 1981, and was a captain on the National Championship team.

"The first reason that I felt that I was picked as a captain was simply because of my integrity as a person — my integrity and how I approached the game," said Davis. "I didn't cheat the game. I always trained very hard, practiced hard and I played hard. I had a lot of respect for my fellow man, whether he was the water boy or a coach. I think that because of that respect that I showed others, people felt comfortable with having a leader that would not show partiality."

The 1981 season was not only a pinnacle season for Clemson, but for Davis as well. These are only a few of the honors that he received during that season: he was the first linebacker in Clemson history to be named a first-team All-American, was the 1981 ACC Player of the year, a 1981 All-Bowl team member, a 1981 Japan



**JUDGED:** Legendary Clemson linebacker Jeff Davis (45) gang-tackles former Heisman Trophy winner George Rogers of South Carolina. Despite a stellar collegiate career, Rogers never scored a touchdown against Clemson.

Bowl team member and a member of the 1981 East-West Shrine Bowl team. Davis still holds two all-time records at Clemson: the most caused fumbles (10) and the most recovered fumbles (8).

When asked about his most memorable moments at Clemson, he gives a surprisingly humble response.

"There are many moments to choose from but if I had to choose just one about playing here, it would have to be the National Championship," said Davis. "It's a game that represents a culmination of moments that I had at Clemson. It represents the best of Clemson athletics, the best of me being part of one of the best teams that ever played at Clemson. My greatest moment overall would be graduating. And it is not because I earned my degree but because there were two women there that didn't have a college education. My mother and grandmother did everything that they could so that I would have a good education. That (graduation) was a proud day for them; that was a way to verbalize and show that I was grateful."

Davis knows that the '81 team that he was part of set a high precedent

for all Clemson teams to follow. He recalls arriving in Miami for the Orange Bowl for the national championship game and many people were asking "Where is Clemson?" The Tigers were happy to leave with a boastful response following their victory: "Do you know where Clemson is NOW?"

Having such a great career at Clemson really gave Davis valuable lessons. One thing that Davis stresses to the current Tigers and those to come, "A lot of people think that it's easier to handle the blessings of having great success, but it's much tougher to handle the blessings, than not have one at all. You have to remember who you are; you have to remember that there is always a journey."

Davis returned to Clemson to spearhead to the Clemson branch of

the "Call Me Mister" program, which is a great example of his dedication to seeing students progress in all they do. The "Call Me Mister" program focuses on attracting more African-American males into the education field.

Taking all of these factors into consideration, it seemed like the best opportunity for Davis to work with the program. Changing the low statistic of African-American male teachers in South Carolina will help younger males to see themselves in a more nurturing manner. Davis loves the message that this sends because in so many instances, athletes and children only dream of becoming a star professional athlete or entertainer. "Everyone can't have those grandiose jobs, but EVERYONE can make a difference!" The impact that this program will have on everyday role models and young students will be tremendous.

The work that Davis has devoted to the "Call Me Mister" program brought him national recognition as he was honored as a 2001 "Use Your Life" recipient from Oprah Winfrey's Angel Network. Although Davis is a key component to Clemson having the program, he feels more proud about giving Clemson national recognition. "The award spoke well for the institution, and I was very proud that Clemson took the initiative to have a program of this magnitude," said Davis.

Winning a national championship and helping to implement the "Call Me Mister" program are just two of the more prominent accolades that Davis has put into Clemson record books.

Davis reflects on his accomplishments at Clemson so far, "It is not often that everybody can attain to the pinnacle of their job or organization while being part of a team. But I can say that I went to the top, I competed at the top and I won at the top."

## From the PRESSBOX

When I was told I had a column this week, I had no idea what to write about. That really hasn't changed much, so I'm just going to give you some random thoughts from the world of sports.

First off, even though I'm not a big fan of major league baseball, I have to mention the American League Championship Series. This is probably the biggest sporting news of the week. For the two of you who didn't know, the Boston Red Sox and the New York Yankees ("The Evil Empire") squared off for the American League berth in the World Series. The rivalry between these two teams is older than any of us can remember and the hatred is deeply ingrained, so it was especially huge when the Sox came back from a three-games-to-none deficit to send the series to the decisive seventh game. It was the first time in Major League history that a team has pulled this off. I have a roommate, a former Sports Editor for this very paper no less, who is a die-hard Yankees fan. Everyone else in the apartment has been rooting for the Red Sox. It has been a tense week, to say the least. With all this focus on the ALCS, nobody even noticed the National League series, which turned out to be a really good one.

OK, next is a sport that's not real, but one I know a ton of us here on campus play anyway. Fantasy football has grown in popularity by leaps and bounds the last couple of seasons, and will continue to get bigger as long as people have access to the Internet and the NFL. Basically, I just want to complain a little bit. I spent my first round draft pick on Ahman Green thinking, of course, that he was one of the top two or three running backs in the league for fantasy football. This is not the case so far this year. That guy has gotten so few carries and touchdowns compared to my expectations that it's not even funny. Another thing that upsets me is the awesomeness of Daunte Culpepper. The Vikings quarterback was my starter last year, but got picked up before I had a chance to get him this season. I don't think I've ever

seen such great numbers to start a season from any quarterback. My roommate, who I'm playing this weekend, has Culpepper on his team and of course is undefeated and sitting pretty on top of our league. Meanwhile, I continue to wander further into futility with my 2-4 record and three-game losing streak. (By the way, I just changed my team name to "Grease Spot" because that's what we're going to be come Monday. It's just not fair, that's all I'm saying.)

In the realm of Clemson athletics, I'd like to say I enjoyed the midnight basketball practice last Friday, but I don't think it really reached its full potential. I don't know if I'm the only one who thought that having a basketball practice on that tiny stretch of College Avenue wasn't the best idea. The location made it hard for people to see the teams and activities unless they were one of the 50 or so lucky ones who got there in time to get a front-row spot. A few suggestions for new locations: down at the corner of

College Avenue at the intersection in front of Subway, on Bowman possibly, or even inside at Littlejohn. I really liked the concept, I just think it would be

much more fun and exciting if more people could see the action.

Next on the plate for this column is Clemson Tiger Football. We came out looking sluggish against Utah State, but in the second half finally pulled things together and put some points on the board. The defense played a spectacular game, too. It's because of this that I am very optimistic for tomorrow's game versus Maryland. Since racking up 685 yards against Duke, the Terps gained 81 yards against Georgia Tech, with 91 last week against N.C. State. I think our defense could possibly put the same type of stranglehold on their offense, and our offense could finally hit stride and put up some points against a real opponent. My prediction: Clemson 28, Maryland 21 in a nailbiter.

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# '83 Maryland game was a crucial win

*Clemson received unofficial championship at the end of the season.*

**DANIEL TAYLOR**  
Staff Writer

The 1983 season should have been one of national success for the Tigers. Starting what was only Danny Ford's fifth full year as coach, the Tigers had already won a national championship and were 9-1-1 the previous season. Also, the \$13.5 million North deck was completed on Sept. 2 of that year, and Death Valley's capacity was then the 10th largest in the country.

However, recruiting violations led the NCAA to put Clemson on probation. The penalties prevented Clemson from having any televised games (a penalty which the NCAA today is reluctant to give) and prevented the Tigers from participating in a post-season bowl game.

While these restrictions were acceptable for the NCAA, anti-Clemson ACC schools banded together and tacked on an extra year to further punish the Tigers. It is no secret that many ACC schools disliked Clemson. The textile college with a military history contrasted with the North Carolina schools and Virginia, who thought of themselves as the pinnacle of American education (that is, wannabe Ivy Leaguers) and hated the success of Clemson football.

The extra year of sanctions imposed by the ACC only angered Clemson's team. Although they were ineligible for the title, they still could show everyone that they were the dominant force in the ACC.

After a lackluster start to the season which included a loss to Boston College and a tie with Georgia, the Tigers rolled through the ACC

schedule. In the conference opener, Clemson hammered ACC newcomer Georgia Tech 41-14. The momentum from that game carried Clemson to six straight conference wins. It seemed that Clemson was indestructible as even 10th ranked North Carolina could not stop the Tigers en route to a 16-3 victory.

The final opponent for Clemson's ACC sweep was Maryland. In the late '70's and '80's, Clemson and Maryland were considered the top football programs in the ACC. From 1974-1988, the Tigers or the Terps were ACC champions every year except in '77, '79, and '80. The annual Clemson-Maryland game had become a clash of the ACC's giants. The 1983 game would be no different.

Led by senior quarterback Boomer Esiason, Maryland had had a fantastic year as well. They were ranked No. 11, sported a 7-2 record, and had defeated North Carolina on the road the week before Clemson won against the Tarheels. Coming into the game, they just had a six-game winning streak snapped with a road loss to Auburn (who would finish the season No. 3 in the country and SEC champions).

The two teams, undefeated in ACC play, faced off in Death Valley on November 12th. To add to the luster of the game, 3,000 Clemson students met at 7 a.m. that Saturday and blew up 363,729 orange balloons. The balloons were released as the No. 17 Clemson Tigers ran down the hill.

After the most exciting entrance in college football, the Tiger offense exploded and outscored Maryland 52-27.

Quarterback Mike Eppley completed 16 passes for 194 yards and three touchdowns. Senior fullback Kevin Mack had the game of his career as he amassed 186 yards rushing and scored the final TD of

the day, crossing the goal line after losing a shoe on the play.

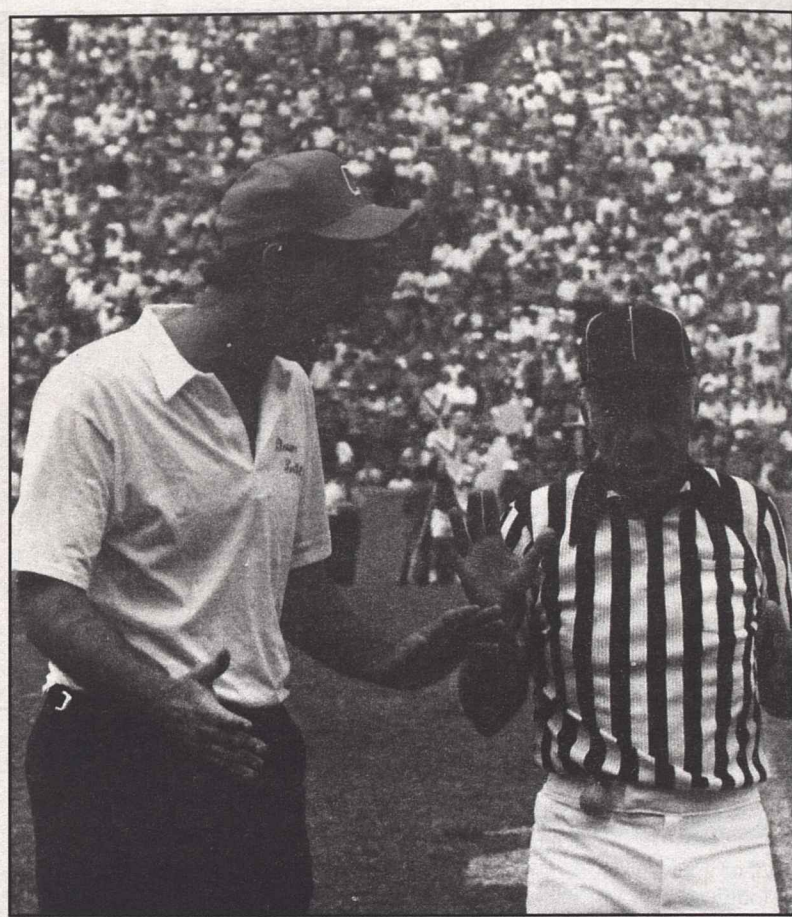
The 52 points were the second most scored ever scored by a Danny Ford team. Only the 84 points against Wake Forest in 1981 exceeded the Maryland game in Ford's tenure.

After claiming the unofficial ACC championship, the Tigers went on to defeat rival South Carolina for the fourth straight year. The Tigers finished the season 9-1-1 and ranked 11th in the country - but no bowl was allowed to give the Tigers a bid. This ending to the season seemed incomplete. Many fans and players would have felt content "if only Nebraska were next" (in reference to the '82 Orange Bowl).

However, there were some post-season successes in 1983. Seven players on the 1983 Clemson team received All-ACC honors. William "the Refrigerator" Perry received All-American honors at middle guard. Danny Ford added to his legacy as he received the ACC Coach of the Year award.

The most unique reward for the '83 Tigers came years later from college football historian Bob Kirlin.

Kirlin, like many college football historians, determines his own national champion in the years that the best team is disputed. In 1983, Miami was No. 1 in the final AP poll and coaches' poll, even though they had lost earlier that year 28-3 to Florida. Their crushing defeat earlier in the year caused many people to believe that one-loss Auburn and one-loss Nebraska were the best teams in the country. Kirlin, however, believed that Clemson was in fact the best team in the nation in 1983. Although it is not recognized by the NCAA, he awarded Clemson his national championship for that year.



**DANNY:** Former Clemson head Coach Danny Ford discusses a call with a referee during a game in the 1980s.

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won. Regardless of the opposition, the stats we put up are impressive against anybody."

The starting tailback and a definite standout performer of Saturday's game, Duane Coleman, certainly realizes the need to turn around the season for Clemson. "Utah was a good start for us, but we have yet to play our best football," Coleman said.

Fans throughout Clemson also need to step up their own level of

intensity and strive to bring back the excitement that roared through Death Valley last season. "The fans need to turn it up a notch; it was sort of dead on Saturday," says Coleman. "We need all the help from the fans that we can get."

Hopefully both the Clemson Tigers and Tiger fans alike will bring a newfound spirit to next Saturday's game against the Maryland Terrapins at noon in Death Valley.

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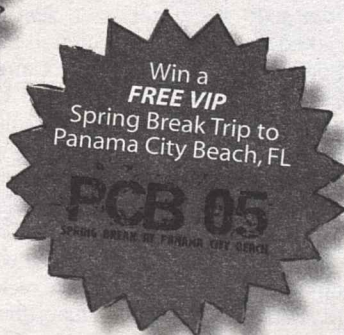
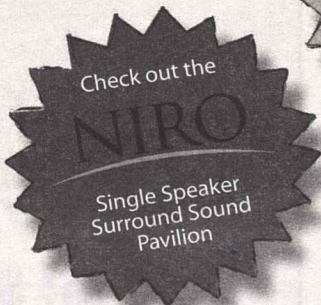
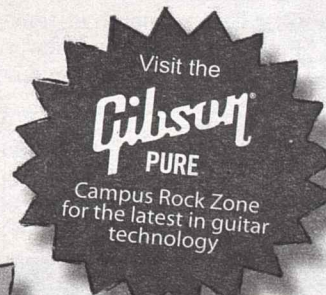
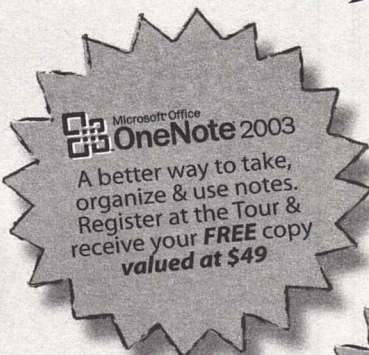
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# Heisman race begins to heat up

Quarterbacks lead the midseason race with freshman back closing in.

MIKE GILL  
Staff Writer

The Heisman Trophy, given to college football's most outstanding player, is arguably the most sought after individual honor in sports. The trophy's history dates back to 1935 when University of Chicago halfback Jay Berwanger took home the prize.

College football analysts spend all season and most of the off-season in fact handicapping the race to win the award. This year has been no different. While the award is supposed to be given to the player who had the most outstanding season, often times the hype that a player receives from the national media, or gets from his own school, is enough to sway many of the Heisman voters. It's not uncommon in college football today to see Heisman candidates with their own websites. Every player wants to win the award, and every school wants to ride the coat tails of that player. Having a Heisman Trophy winner can elevate a program into the national spotlight. It can bring big time revenue to the school and big name recruits as well. That being said, this year's race looks wide open.

The early season favorite to take home the Heisman was Southern Cal quarterback Matt Leinart. Leinart came into the season riding the momentum of an unbelievable 2003 campaign in which he led the Trojans to a split national title. He has done little to hurt his Heisman campaign. Currently he's thrown for 1,411 yards while passing for 14 touchdowns. If he continues to build on those statistics, he will have as good of a chance as anyone to take home the award.

Leinart isn't the only Pac-10 quarterback whose eyes are set on taking home the trophy. Cal quarterback Aaron Rodgers came into the season as a long shot Heisman candidate. In leading the Bears to a 4-1 record, Rodgers has thrown for 1,141 yards and 11 touchdowns. In a head-to-head match-up with Leinart's Trojans two weeks ago, Rodgers passed for 103 more yards than Leinart did. However, it was USC who won the game and being on a team competing for a national championship is always something Heisman voters look at.

Oklahoma freshman running back Adrian Peterson is another player who may end up walking away with the Heisman. As a starting freshman running back for the number one team in the nation, Peterson has been racking up incredible numbers, and voters are taking notice. In six games Peterson has accumulated 901 yards and six touchdowns. If Peterson doesn't take home the award this year, look for him to be next season's early favorite.

Finally, the favorite at this point in the season has to be Purdue quarterback Kyle Orton. Orton came into the season much like Aaron Rodgers from Cal. Analysts knew Orton was an outstanding quarterback and leader but he was never considered anything more than a dark horse Heisman candidate. Orton has led the Boilermakers to a 5-1 start while passing for 1,877 yards and 19 touchdowns in an attempt to sway voters. There are plenty of quarterbacks out there who would love to finish the season with those numbers, but Orton has accumulated them over six games. His remarkable start has college football analysts pegging him as the man to beat in the race for the Heisman.

# Golf team competes in Alabama; Men's cross country runs at ISU

Rowing team hosts Class Day Regatta, while volleyballers win two.

HOKE HILL  
Staff Writer

## Golf

The Clemson Golf Team competed in the Jerry Pate Intercollegiate golf tournament in Birmingham, Ala. last weekend, where they finished 10th in a field of 12, including 10 of the top 25 ranked teams in the nation. The team got off to a slow start in the first round with a team score of 295, but then improved over the next three rounds. Martin Catalioto led the Tigers in the second round with a career best 69 as the team improved their score by 11 shots. The Tigers continued to improve through the final round in which they collectively shot a season best 276. The top Tigers in the final round were Brent Delahoussaye, who shot a 66, and Brian Duncan, who contributed a four-under par performance of 67. The final team score for Clemson was 855,

and Martin Catalioto finished 24th overall, leading the team on the weekend with a career-best 211 in three rounds. The Tigers will be competing in the UCF Invitational in Orlando, Fla., on Monday and Tuesday.

## Cross Country

The Clemson Men's Cross Country team traveled to Terre Haute, Ind. to compete in the NCAA 2004 Pre-Nationals meet hosted by Indiana State University last Saturday. The Tigers finished 13th overall behind several nationally-ranked teams. The Tigers were led by senior Derrick Wyatt, who recorded his career best time of 24:31.9 in the 8K race, which was good enough to finish 22nd in the field. Itay Magidi, who ran the course in 24:36.2 to finish 28th, and Matt Clark, who finished 43rd with a 24:44.8 time, also posted

career bests at the race. The next meet for the Tigers will be the ACC Championships hosted by the University of Maryland on Saturday, Oct. 30.

## Rowing

The seventh annual Class Day Regatta, hosted by the Clemson Women's Rowing team, was held on Lake Hartwell on Sunday. The Clemson seniors defended their title by narrowly defeating the sophomores.

Along with the class race between the sophomores, juniors and seniors, there was also a freshman/novice race and an alumni race. Each rowing team dressed up in themed costumes.

"It was an exciting day to be a part of Clemson rowing. The sunshine and flat water, combined with great parental support and a festive atmosphere, led to hot competition," said head coach Susie Lueck.

## Volleyball

The Clemson Tiger Volleyball team split a pair of conference matches last week and defeated non-conference opponent Wofford, bringing their record 13-8 overall and 4-4 in the ACC. The Tigers fell to Maryland 3-1 last Friday in a Solid Orange match at Jervy Gym. Freshman Brittany Ross tied her career high of 20 kills to lead the Tigers, and Leslie Finn and Lori Ashton contributed 18 and 17 kills, respectively. On Saturday the Tigers defeated the Virginia Cavaliers 3-1 at home. Ashton and Finn led the Tigers in hitting percentage, with both hitting over the .400 mark. Finn also had 23 kills in the match. "We really needed this win," said head coach Jolene Hoover. "There is so much parity in the ACC. We did a great job both offensively and defensively." On Tuesday, Clemson defeated Wofford with a 3-0 sweep, and Finn played well again offensively with 21 kills to lead the team. Ashton led in hitting percentage at .517. The Tigers will play two ACC road matches this weekend against North Carolina and N.C. State.

# SPORTS briefs

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## REGISTRATION FOR 2005 SPRING/SUMMER TERMS BEGINS NOVEMBER 3, 2004

### NO SCHEDULE BOOK!

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### ACCESS

Entrance to registration is based on your academic classification and CUID number. Registration is phased in at half-hour intervals. You cannot register earlier than your designated entry time; however, once your window opens, you have access until the last day to add or drop for the 2005 spring and summer terms.

Classification is established for all current students on October 6, 2004, and is based on credits earned, plus enrolled credits in the fall semester. Classification for Fall 2004 transfer students is based on transfer credits posted to the academic record as of October 6, 2004, plus enrolled credits in the fall semester. You can verify your classification on TigerWeb or SIS. Freshmen have 0-29 credits; sophomores 30-59; juniors 60-94; and seniors 95+.

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- SIS—On-campus computer labs
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### MATERIALS

Your degree progress report and registration advising card are in your major department. Up-to-date schedule of classes can be found on the Web at <http://soc.clemson.edu>. Your degree progress report can be viewed on TigerWeb.

### REGISTRATION NOTES

Meet with your advisor as early as possible. Advising is scheduled October 27–November 12. Record the courses for which you plan to register on the advising card and have your advisor sign and keep one copy. The other is yours to use when registering. The advising number, in the upper right hand corner of the card, is required of current undergraduates only.

You will need your userid and password. If you need assistance, present a picture ID at the Help Desk in M-1 Martin Hall. If you are outside the Clemson area, you may call the Help Desk at 864-656-3494 for assistance.

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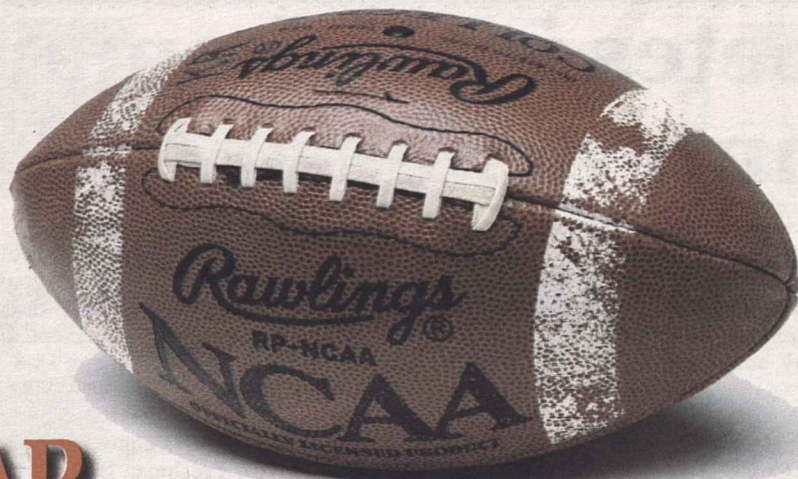
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750-774	7:30 A.M.	7:30 A.M.	7:30 A.M.	7:30 A.M.	7:30 A.M.
775-799	7:30 A.M.	8:00 A.M.	8:00 A.M.	8:00 A.M.	8:00 A.M.
800-824	8:00 A.M.	8:30 A.M.	8:30 A.M.	8:30 A.M.	8:30 A.M.
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850-874	8:30 A.M.	9:30 A.M.	9:30 A.M.	9:30 A.M.	9:30 A.M.
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## Maryland

AP  
top 25

1. USC (50)
2. Oklahoma (13)
3. Auburn (2)
4. Miami
5. Florida State
6. Wisconsin
7. California
8. Texas
9. Utah
10. Georgia
11. Tennessee
12. Purdue
13. Michigan
14. Virginia
15. West Virginia
16. Louisville
17. Texas A&M
18. LSU
19. Boise State
20. Florida
21. Arizona State
22. Oklahoma State
23. Virginia Tech
24. Notre Dame
25. Iowa



### Standings

Team	Conf.	Overall
Miami	2-0	5-0
Florida State	3-1	5-1
N.C. State	3-1	4-2
Virginia	2-1	5-1
Virginia Tech	2-1	5-2
Georgia Tech	3-2	4-2
UNC	2-2	3-4
Maryland	1-2	3-3
Clemson	1-3	2-4
Wake Forest	0-3	3-3
Duke	0-3	1-5

### Numbers game

**22** Combined ACC championships of traditional powerhouses Maryland and Clemson in just 51 years of ACC play.

**11** Quarterback sacks by the Tigers' defense in last weekend's 35-6 drubbing of Utah State.

**685** Total offense that the Terps racked up in a 55-21 win over Duke this season.

## Tigers seek revenge against Terps

*Clemson looks to continue to turn season around after last week's win.*

**ROY WELSH**  
Staff Writer

On Saturday afternoon in Death Valley, the Clemson Tiger football team will take on the Maryland Terrapins in an important ACC game for both schools. The Tigers come into the game with a 2-4 record, a disappointing start after Clemson began the season ranked in the top 20.

To become bowl eligible, Clemson will have to win four out of their five remaining games against Maryland, N.C. State, Miami, Duke and South Carolina, and the Tigers need a win against the Terrapins to keep a realistic shot at a bowl game.

Maryland comes into Saturday's game with a 3-3 record, and the Terrapins are in the midst of mid-season struggles as well. The Terrapins, who have lost two consecutive games to Georgia Tech and N.C. State heading into this weekend, have managed a paltry 182 combined yards of offense over their past two games.

The Terrapins' offensive problems at quarterback manifested themselves last Saturday when starter Joel Statham was benched in favor of freshman Jordan Steffy after Statham completed six of 11 passes for 18 yards. Steffy did not fare any better, completing one of six passes for six yards through the air.

In his weekly press conference on Tuesday, Maryland head coach Ralph Friedgen was unsure who would start at quarterback for the Terrapins this weekend. "I think we'll continue to let them compete. I will say this: I think the competition is getting closer, but I'm still not convinced who the starter will be," Friedgen said. "It'll probably be a game time decision."

Maryland head coach Ralph Friedgen has led the Terrapins to success with a physical offense that can wear down a defense in the second half with its running game. Unfortunately for Friedgen, Maryland's running game has



**HITIN' THE HOLE:** Clemson running back Reggie Merriweather bursts through an opening against Utah State last Saturday in the Tigers' 35-6 victory. Merriweather split time with Duane Coleman in the backfield against the Aggies.

struggled this season as well. The Terrapin rushing attack is led by senior Sammy Maldonado and junior Josh Allen. Maldonado rushed for 37 yards on 11 carries against N.C. State last Saturday and Allen picked up 44 yards on 16 carries against the Wolfpack. The Terps' ability to run the football against the Tigers will be an important key to Maryland's success.

Clemson has struggled offensively all season, with highly touted quarterback Clemson Whitehurst getting off to a rough start to the 2004 campaign. Whitehurst has thrown six touchdown passes on the season as opposed to 13 interceptions. Part of Clemson's struggles in the passing game appears to be due to the loss of Derrick Hamilton and Kevin Youngblood from last season. Both were tall, physical receivers who had the ability to make big plays when the Tigers needed them.

Clemson has not had the luxury of a multitude of go-to receivers this season. But if Clemson can find some productivity against Maryland through the air, they will have a chance to further open up their running game.

The Tigers' rushing attack got some attention in Clemson's 35-6 victory over Utah State last Saturday. Sophomore tailback Reggie Merriweather led the Tiger running attack with 18 carries for 84 yards and two touchdowns, while Duane Coleman added another 82 yards rushing off 21 carries. But Merriweather and Coleman's productive showings also came against a Utah State defensive line that is not as formidable as Maryland's.

One of the Tigers' keys to the game will be turnovers. Clemson has turned the ball over 17 times this season, in contrast to their opponents, who have only combined for four turnovers. Clemson opponents have managed 35

points off turnovers this season, whereas the Tigers have not scored a point off a turnover this season. Such statistics do a lot to explain Clemson's disappointing 2-4 start. If Clemson can avoid turning the ball over, it will go a long way towards earning a victory.

Maryland's defense is led by junior defensive end Shawne Merriman, who had 16 tackles against N.C. State and has 50 tackles on the year. Merriman also has 10 tackles for loss.

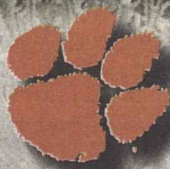
Clemson's defense has had to shoulder the burden for the Tigers' struggling offense this season. Senior linebacker Leroy Hill leads the Clemson defense. Hill leads the Tigers in tackles and sacks, with 57 and six on the season, respectively.

Clemson holds the edge in the series and has an all-time record of 27-23-2 against the Terrapins. Kickoff for tomorrow's game is scheduled to take place at noon.

## ON THE FIELD

### SPECIALISTS

PK Jad Dean  
P Cole Chason  
KO Jad Dean  
LS Geoff Rigbsby  
HO Cole Chason  
PR Justin Miller  
KR Airese Currie  
Justin Miller



Justin Miller

### KEY MATCHUP

*This weekend's key matchup will be Clemson punt returner Justin Miller against Maryland punter Adam Podlesh. Podlesh, a sophomore, ranks fifth in the country in punting with an average of 45.66 yards per punt. He was a Ray Guy Award semi-finalist last year as a true freshman. Justin Miller will attempt to improve on his already impressive return average of 16.20 yards, which puts him in tenth place in the nation. Miller has had many outstanding returns this year including one for a score against fifth-ranked Florida State.*



Adam Podlesh

### SPECIALISTS

PK Nick Novak  
P Adam Podlesh  
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[STAFF EDITORIAL]

# Senate campaign goes downhill quickly

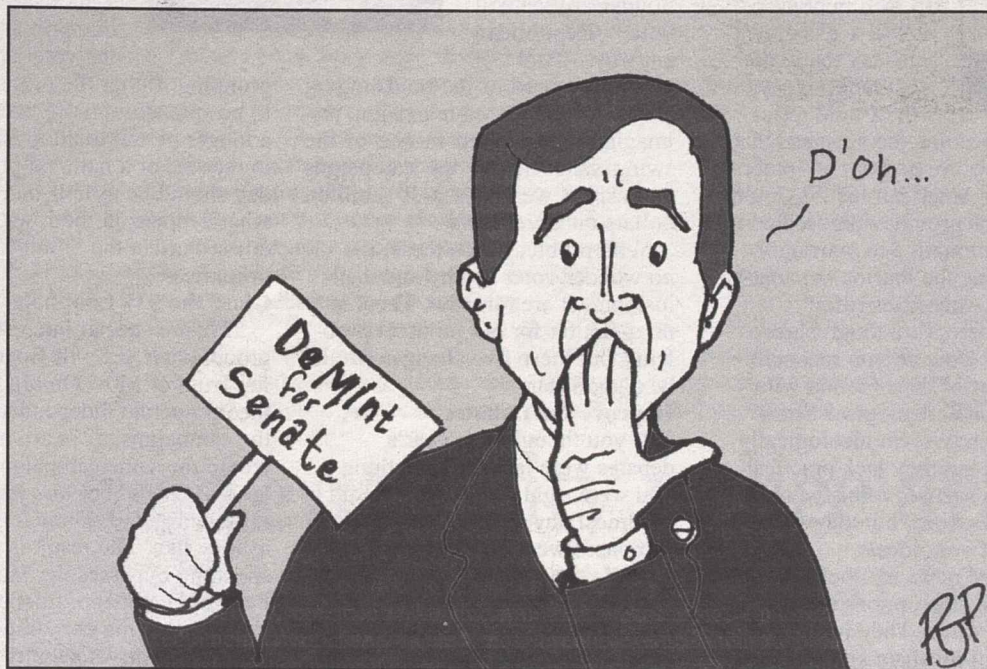
Closely contested U.S. Senate campaigns don't seem to happen in the state of South Carolina too often, and if the one between Jim DeMint and Inez Tenenbaum is any indicator, hopefully they'll continue to be infrequent.

This important race has drawn much statewide attention in recent months — first for being the most expensive campaign in the state's history. On top of that, much of the money has been spent on negative attack ads by both candidates that easily rival those for the presidential election this year. It's hard to turn on a television without seeing an advertisement about the "extremely liberal" Tenenbaum or the DeMint of the "dangerous tax plan."

But a couple of weeks ago, the negative attention expanded to the national stage after DeMint commented in a debate that "practicing homosexuals" should not be allowed to teach in the state's public schools. Since that comment and subsequent interviews and apologies, Tenenbaum and DeMint have been on national news all the way up to NBC's Meet the Press.

Could there possibly be a more embarrassing situation to bring South Carolina to the attention of the national media? Maybe there is one, but it would certainly be tough to find.

DeMint's comments — coming from the candidate whom polls are still showing as the likely winner of this election and thus the next senator from the state — reflect poorly on the state as a whole. When combined with a post-debate interview in which he seemed to group women who are pregnant out of wedlock as other examples of people



he wouldn't want teaching his children in school, DeMint's comments are totally irresponsible.

They are, perhaps, a little more understandable in the light in which DeMint has cast them: comments from the heart of a father that inappropriately made their way into the debate. DeMint admitted later, "Sometimes my heart disengages from my head." A scary thought for sure but at least a little honesty.

Quite frankly, when he's in the middle of a race for the U.S. Senate, people should be

more interested in what policies he might implement for all children than about which teachers he would want to teach his own. DeMint — a relatively experienced politician on the national level — should know better than to say something like this in the midst of a big race.

On top of that, at least the part about practicing homosexuals not being allowed to teach is more than simply a slip of the tongue — it's part of the party platform for the Republican Party of South Carolina. Party platforms aren't nearly as dangerous,

however, until they make it into the views of a candidate.

All of this is not to say by any means that Tenenbaum should be elected instead of DeMint; that decision involves a host of other significant issues and is up to the voters of South Carolina. What is at stake here is that neither of them, if elected, needs to be making comments like these in the future as a U.S. Senator. Views on who teaches their children should be clearly distinguished from laws that should be passed to allow or disallow people from teaching in the state's public school system. The former are personal issues that should, for the most part, be non-factors in the race. The latter are key issues in an important election at the state and national level.

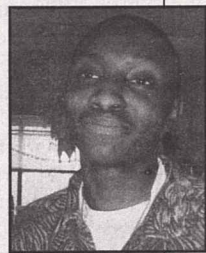
And perhaps that's the somewhat positive side of this whole embarrassing debacle: that at least for once we know what a candidate thinks about a particular issue. It's not simply a piece of the state party platform anymore; rather, it's a belief that DeMint himself holds — whether or not he thinks it was appropriate that he actually voiced it in the middle of the campaign.

In times like these when it's hard to get a straight answer from a political candidate at any level, perhaps citizens of South Carolina got a breath of fresh air in this case. Unfortunately, when the "fresh air" is so full of smoke, it's hard to enjoy it as much of a relief.

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## “speaking out”

What do you think of Jim DeMint's comments about homosexuals teaching in public schools?



"The qualifications for becoming a teacher do not include whether or not you're homosexual. The personal life is different from the classroom life."

**Dana Smith**  
civil engineering  
sophomore



"Everybody has equal rights. No one is perfect and they should not be discriminated against in the public school system because of a perceived flaw."

**Margaret McCanless**  
industrial engineering  
junior



"Homosexuals should be allowed to teach since educators should not be telling their students about their personal life anyways. It poses a weakness that gives kids an opportunity to hurt you."

**Abbie Forbes**  
special education  
senior



"A heterosexual male teaching girls is the same as a homosexual man teaching boys. Schools are public therefore there should be no discrimination concerning race, gender or sexual orientation."

**J.P. Lucius**  
elementary education  
junior



"No, and neither should Buddhists, Islamics, Christians and athiests. As well as whites, blacks, Asians and Hispanics. Teachers should be robots."

**James Lampson**  
mechanical engineering  
junior



"This should not be an issue, but considering that small children in early grades are curious; they will naturally ask questions. Personally, I have not problem, but the future parents might."

**Lee Howell**  
early childhood education  
junior

### COMMENTARY

## GRE menaces seniors

Recently, I was walking across my living room, probably from the beer fridge to the futon, when I stepped in a pile of acorns. I really wish I could tell you they were dinner for my pet squirrel, "Fluffles." But I don't have a pet squirrel, and if I did he certainly wouldn't be named "Fluffles."

In actuality, they were the leftovers from my roommate's latest ill-considered cooking experiment, acorn pancakes, which are not to be confused with his previous recipe, fried kudzu. They were on the living room floor instead of the kitchen, because a couple days earlier I put them in a bucket over his door and laughed as they rained down on his head.

Standing there, my foot entrenched in a peculiar abundance of indoor acorns, I came to a startling realization — responsible adults, or at least the ones I'm familiar with, don't have living rooms littered with acorns. Responsible adults don't call their moms regularly to get advice for cooking rice, their most sophisticated clothes aren't a baseball cap and flip flops and a plethora of beer and liquor bottles are not their most prominent household decorations.

Logically, then, I must not be a responsible adult! But aren't we supposed to just naturally morph into adults when we reach our 20s? How can it be that I'll be 22 next week, and I'm still not an adult? And what does it mean for the future?

With my days as an undergraduate drawing rapidly to a close and important decisions looming, I've been giving a lot of thought to the future and believe I have decided on the most reasonable course of action: I don't need to be a responsible adult! I'm going to graduate school!

But before I could begin to contemplate where to apply, I had to negotiate one major obstacle that stands between all potential graduate school candidates and a few more blissful years living the life of a student: the GRE.

What I discovered is that in order to quantify our worth as human beings,

graduate schools require that we be able to distinguish between important vocabulary words like "truculently" and "acarpous," which when put together literally mean "ferociously infertile."

I can only imagine a meeting of the GRE Board, the sinister organization behind the test:

GRE Board Member #1: My goodness, I'm feeling truculently acarpous today! ("My junk doesn't work.")

GRE Board Member #2: That's a corporeal malfunction worthy of derision! ("You're a loser!")

All GRE Board Members: [Menacing Laughter]

Since many of you are or will be in the same boat as I, it's time to test your "perspicacity," which based on context clues probably means something like "fondness for pie." Below is what I swear is an actual question from the GRE test that I took just last weekend:

What does it mean to have an "ineluctable dexterity to discomfit oneself" in front of the opposite sex?

a) Inevitable ability to embarrass oneself.

b) Tendency to quickly remove one's pants.

c) Inclination to scratch oneself.

d) Desire to sing Marvin Gaye's "Let's Get It On."

Although C, unfortunately, happens often enough (and D does not), the answer is obviously B, "tendency to quickly remove one's pants." If you don't believe me, check a dictionary — you'll quickly discover that I'm lying.

So exactly how do you negotiate this vocabulary minefield en route to a great GRE score and quality graduate school?

If I knew, I wouldn't be taking the GRE again next month.

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# from the EDITOR'S desk

Don't you hate how some of the most seemingly appealing things are not very practical? Recently I discovered the joys of Todaro's white pizza (not sauced) with pineapple and Canadian bacon. Ok, yeah I might be the only one who finds this tempting, but, really, it's delicious.

Delicious, yes, but not practical — not only does not having sauce ironically run up the cost, it's too messy to eat while you're trying to look over copy on a Wednesday night.

In the end, the romance was short-lived, nothing more than an infatuation, you could liken it unto a middle school crush. But recently I've been noticing that so many things in life work better in theory than in practice. Another example involving food: the "low carb" diet. I couldn't believe people were actually losing weight with this scheme when it first started to gain popularity.

"Wow, you mean it's actually possible to eat lots of fatty foods and still lose weight?!"

Now, personally, I've never seen the appeal of this fad diet — it's too difficult to part with my mornings with "The Captain" — but many people, including several members of my own family, have bought into it. They succumbed to the temptation of bacon and eggs, burgers (even without the buns), peanut butter, cheese, salads and meat lots and lots of meat. Their cholesterol subsequently skyrocketed.

Not everything is good in practice: procrastination, getting up early to study, 8 a.m. classes, wearing heels to class, Segway scooters, veggie burgers, an on-campus bar, Disney girlfriends (see the next edition of TimeOut). The list goes on.

It makes me wonder about politics. Someone once told me that Democrats are idealists and Republicans are realists — now I don't know how well this saying works. Instead, I think it's safe to say that each side has some ideas that seem great in theory but might not hold up well in practice. Will a 23 percent sales tax really do what DeMint says it will? Could terrorism ever become the nuisance that Kerry hopes for and not an integral part of the American focus? Could civil unions provide homosexuals a viable alternative to marriage? Does having the Patriot Act actually make Americans safer?

I see where it's a tough choice for voters. How do you reconcile the realities of the situation with your personal ideologies? Some platforms may seem ideologically appealing, but they lack practicality. Others seem to offer the most workable options, but they fly in the face of your ideals.

The good news is, I believe, that none of the options are really black and white. They both have elements of idealism and practicality. In the real world, most political ideas, aren't like the "low carb" diet and crazy pizza concoctions. They're complicated, well-constructed and thoroughly debated. And while we all delve into the realm of the completely impractical; let's all be thankful that, despite the grotesque amount of passionate rhetoric we seem to be bombarded with daily, our politicians aren't completely unreasonable and will hopefully base their decisions on taking both facts and values into consideration.

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## COMMENTARY

# Presidential campaigns need real reform

Is anyone else starting to get tired of the election? The candidates have been campaigning for what

seems like forever, the much anticipated debates were simply two hours of focus group tested sound bites, and for what? South Carolina will vote Republican anyway. And if you're not tired of the mudslinging attack ads we see on television, just imagine if you lived in one of the swing states where the campaigns have spent well over half a billion dollars on advertising.

With problems like these, it's no wonder voter apathy and disillusionment are rampant. There is no quick fix for our political problems, but these five changes would be a good start:

### Improve the Debates

If you thought this year's debates were lacking something, you were right; they were devoid of almost any real content. The responses were all pre-tested, and a whole slew of topics were off-limits to begin with. Let's get back to the days of the Lincoln-Douglas debates where candidates squared up and actually asked each other the tough questions. What better way to pick a President than by having the candidates argue about policy and see whose ideas hold up better? And really, let's stop worrying about how the candidates fidget when the other guy is talking, and let's start paying attention to what they say.

### Stop Frontloading the Primaries

In order to give the nominee as much time to as possible to campaign, the parties schedule their primaries in bunches very early in the election year in a process known as frontloading. Frontloading allows the party to rally around a nominee early,

but it draws out the election for the voters and hurts candidates who for whatever reason don't

do well in the first primary (Howard Dean) or whose campaigns start late or slowly (Wesley Clark). One initial loss snowballs as a poor showing in one primary affects the vote in the next grouping. Either the primaries need to be spread out more evenly over a longer period to allow candidates to recover or a national primary day should be established so that what happens in the Iowa caucuses doesn't affect the South Carolina primaries.

### Close the 527 Loophole

527s are special interest political groups such as Swift Boat Captains for Truth or MoveOn.org that in theory operate independently of the campaigns. 527s are not subject to the same campaign finance laws as candidates and are free to raise and spend as much money as they like. The result is that 527 spending bypasses the McCain-Feingold campaign finance reform law by allowing corporations, trade groups and private contributors to give their money to these special interest groups instead of the candidates' campaigns. Also, by acting under the guise of independence, 527 ads can be more vicious and less truthful than ads released by a candidate. Since 527s function as extensions of the campaigns instead of as avenues for ordinary citizens to voice their opinions, they should either be rolled into the campaigns and regulated or done away with completely.

### Truth in Advertising

If political ads were treated like product ads, lawyers would make a fortune suing for false advertising. Regulation should be a last resort, but something must be done

to ensure that accusations made in attack ads aren't misleading. Even factually true information is used in a misleading manner. A private organization needs to be established with the FEC's blessing to certify that political ads are truthful and straightforward. The fee this organization would charge for certification would have the added benefit of making attack ads more expensive and less desirable as campaign tools.

### Reform the Electoral College

In the last election, President Bush received all of Florida's 27 electoral votes even though he won only half the popular vote. This all or nothing approach amplifies narrow majorities, fails to accommodate divided states and creates disillusioned voters.

The Electoral College is too firmly entrenched in our tradition to be done away with entirely (and the merits of such a move are debatable), but reform certainly makes sense. States could switch to a district system where the winning candidate in each Congressional district would get that district's one electoral vote and the winner of the popular vote in the state would get the two 'Senatorial' electoral votes. Alternatively, a proportional system could split the electoral vote based on the percentage of the popular vote won. The systems have trade-offs, but both more accurately reflect the voters' wishes than our current system. They also increase the value of a vote on the margin, which would make politicians value each vote more.

Clearly, these changes won't fix elections completely, but they would be a good first step in retuning to a fair, issue-based election where all voters are informed, respected and valued.

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## COMMENTARY

# Are WMDs key to justifying war in Iraq?

## YES

Why are weapons of mass destruction the key to justifying the War in Iraq? They were the president's justification when he came to the conclusion that we should preemptively declare war. It's not like a bunch of us just got together and decided to come up with a good reason to berate Bush; quite the opposite. His administration is the one that came up with this whole weapons issue. I quite vividly remember sitting *terrified* that spring that we were all going to be blown up by Saddam and his stockpiles.

And, in case you haven't noticed, declaring war before a country actually does something concrete (and, no, I'm not counting refusing to allow U.N. weapons inspectors into the country as concrete), we *usually* don't just rush into a war.

Yeah, yeah. Bush probably didn't outright know that there were not weapons of mass destruction. I'm not suggesting that he should be clairvoyant; he's human for god sake. I'm just saying that because we as a country took such a drastic move like sending people to war preemptively, his initial justification is still very important, even if we figure out that he was wrong. We sent young men and women to a foreign country to fight for a very specific reason. I have heard the argument that Iraqi freedom justifies this war, but nothing but the original justification justifies the war. The original justification created this war; it's the only resolution with which I'm satisfied. Yes, we're there, and it's not feasible to just up and leave Iraq. I understand that. I value Iraqi freedom; I value the freedom of all people. That's not the issue. The issue is not what worthwhile thing came out of this war. I want an apology from the president. "Gasp! Could it be? Someone has suggested the president actually apologize?" Listen, I may not be an expert on leaders here, but it's a *good* thing when a leader is *strong* enough to apologize. He should apologize for being wrong. Even if it wasn't his fault. He is the president. Whatever we do as a country — that is him. It falls back on his conscience at the end of the day. It bothers me that it doesn't bother him that he hasn't explained; even if we've all heard the rhetoric. We deserve to hear it from the president.

## NO

George W. Bush has made it well known that Saddam Hussein is no longer in power in Iraq, and the world is a safer place because of this. But were there weapons of mass destruction? The whole weapons of mass destruction debate has become the central issue to the Iraqi war. The problem is that it has no reason for being the central issue in this war.

Let's get this straight right away: George W. Bush made one of the worst political moves in recent history by declaring that Hussein possessed weapons of mass destruction and that this was reason enough to invade Iraq. There may or may not have ever been WMDs in Iraq, but for all political reasons, there never were.

Yes, President Bush made the correct decision by invading Iraq. However, there was ample evidence and reason to invade Iraq without making a claim that Iraq had WMDs.

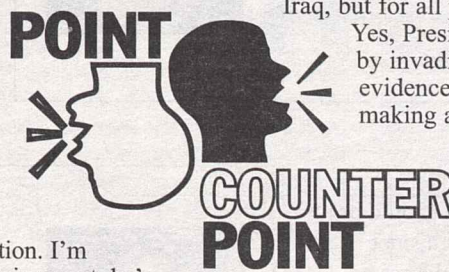
The reasons for invading Iraq are simple: Hussein was a horrible, cruel dictator who hated his own people and hated The United States even more. The chief

reason for invading Iraq should not have been to make the United States safer but to relieve the Iraqi people of a heartless dictator.

Sure, if President Bush had said: "We are going to sacrifice American lives to help the people of another country," he may have not received the political backing he needed to declare war. On the flip-side, this would have been truthful, and while it is an incredibly difficult decision to sacrifice American lives for Iraqi lives, it is ultimately the humane decision to make.

There is an abundance of evidence supporting the intervention of Saddam's heartless genocide against the Iraqi people. Imagine seeing images from Saddam's 1988 chemical bombing of Halabja, which killed 5,000 people, or seeing the over 1,000 people that Saddam killed during his invasion of Kuwait in 1991. Anyone with any sense of a conscience or morals would have made the easy decision to take Hussein out of power.

It is not a stretch to say that President Bush is not the best politician, and he made a grave political error by selling the Iraq war on WMDs. Bush should have used the truth and facts: The Iraqi people were suffering under Saddam's rule. Whether or not the American people would have accepted this as a means for war is debatable. However, if our President was killing people for no reason, wouldn't you want someone to save us?



## Letters to the EDITOR

### SCSSA will empower South Carolina college students

As many readers of The Tiger know, Clemson has been a major proponent of the formation of the South Carolina State Student Association (SCSSA). The purpose of this organization is to politically empower students in public universities to have a voice in improving higher education.

This means that readers of The Tiger and tens of thousands of South Carolina students will be represented by a unified force at the capitol. This weekend a dozen schools, sending over 60 delegates, will be having a conference in Columbia in order to finalize several aspects of the association. We plan to vote on a constitution, elect officers and plan a statewide campaign. Plan on hearing much more about SCSSA and its projects in the near future!

*Katie Schooler*  
junior  
secondary English education  
*Hudson Shelby*  
senior  
civil engineering

### Announcement of floats was disappointing

I am writing to express my discontent with the decision to exclude the announcement of homecoming float winners during this year's halftime festivities at the Utah State football game.

With all of the hard work and dedication that is involved in constructing a float, it is a shame that the winners were hurriedly announced between plays with 2:50 left in the third quarter. I do not feel that this is an adequate testament to the hard work and dedication put into the homecoming floats by the

student participants. The exclusion of this announcement and failure to recognize the sleepless nights spent on Bowman building a float is an insult to the homecoming traditions at Clemson University.

While I realize that there was not adequate time to announce the winners during halftime, the fact of the matter is that the announcement should be prioritized much higher than some of the other broadcasts made during that time period. Furthermore, as suggested, it is not acceptable to announce the winners during the next football game or during a basketball game. The theme of last weekend was homecoming, which indicates to me that the homecoming football game would be the appropriate time to recognize the winners of various contests associated with homecoming festivities.

In the past, student organizations and the athletic department have worked together to provide excellent experiences involving Clemson athletic events. It is my hope that in the future this trend will continue, and that both groups will work to continue the long standing traditions here at Clemson University.

*Martin Gilchrist*  
senior  
electrical engineering

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**NEXT WEEK'S QUESTION: "Will Bush win another four years as President?"**

Send submissions (375-425 words) for either side to [Letters@TheTigerNews.com](mailto:Letters@TheTigerNews.com) by 5 p.m. Monday, Oct. 25.



## COMMENTARY

# Bush deserves four more years as nation's leader

**D**ear Undecided Voter: I want to take this opportunity, just 11 days before the 2004 Presidential election to urge you to give George W. four more years in office. This is a crucial election; the issues in this election will have far-reaching effects and high stakes. I'm not going to try to convince you that W is perfect — he's not. Neither were Lincoln, Washington and FDR. But they were all leaders. That is the one crucial thing that I believe George Bush has, which John Kerry is completely lacking. John Kerry has his good points — he's a good public speaker, he has served as a Senator for over 20 years (and sometimes he even showed up to vote!), but he is not a leader.

Bush is a leader. He doesn't look to the polls when making decisions; he doesn't ask nations that have no interest in American well-being for permission to protect America's interests; he values the lives of the unborn and the foundations of the society in which we live. It is impossible, in a nation of close to 300 million — comprised of hundreds of nationalities and at least as many religions and cultural backgrounds — to please everyone. All a president can offer is a promise to lead to the best of his ability. And I believe Bush has done that.

He has led this country through some of its most difficult hours — the hours when we realized that we were not invincible, that terrorism was a part of our lives and no longer something that happened in the Middle East or in theocratic or fascist regimes. It became something real to the American people, and Bush helped us pull through that. He stood atop the rubble of the world trade centers and made a promise to the American people and to the terrorists and anyone who threatened the American way of life — and he followed through. We will not be trifled with; we will not be intimidated; we will not be bullied.

He has fought to let us keep more of our money. Our society is moving more and more towards dependence on government, a dangerous trend to fall into. Bush is trying to reverse the trend, let us make and spend our own money, let us save for our retirement, pick our doctors, because whatever Kerry says, nationalized healthcare will not improve the condition of the poorest of our citizens. People from all over the world, including well-off European nations, with nationalized healthcare, come here for treatment, because ours is the best.

If we depend on our govern-

ment for income when we retire, healthcare for all of our lives, food stamps, morality, defense, even something as trivial as the mail and everything else, we are in a vulnerable spot. Any upset in the government will affect every area of our lives.

One extremely important issue is this: In the next four years, three, possibly four, Supreme Court Justices will be leaving the bench. If Kerry is in office, he will appoint activist judges that will alter our society (possibly Hillary Clinton — wasn't eight years in the White House enough of her?). The (lack of) rights of unborn children will remain untouched, while the rights of homosexuals will expand tremendously.

I am not voting for Bush because I hate John Kerry, or because I am a born and raised Bible-toting Southerner. I am voting for Bush because I have examined the issues. I know what I believe our government should be — an institution that creates an environment in which individuals are free to work to the best of their ability and to profit freely from what they have worked for. It is not an institution set up to make sure there is equal distribution of wealth or that everyone gets a Ph.D. That is Communism. Go to France. America is a capitalist nation, best served when the people are big and the government is small.

If anything, I would criticize Bush for not being straight-forward enough with his views, but then again we are the ones who have created a system in which our ears itch to hear what they want to hear, regardless of whether it is realistic or true. John Kerry's national healthcare plan and his "global test" and saving social security and equal opportunity for all may sound really nice, but the implementation of his ideas would be both costly and difficult.

Think about the values of this society and about the values you have and what you think government should be. Think about where we come from and where we are going, and which candidate will take us in the right direction. This election isn't about a decision to go to war; it's not even about the economy or education. It's about leadership. This election is a defining one for America. Where do you want to go?

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## TIGERS TALK

# Bush policies harm Earth

**T**he U.S. is the biggest polluter in the world and obviously, this is not good for our environment. You may be reading this and saying, "C'mon, Ere, I don't care about the environment." To you, I say this: I already know, Mr. President, but I am flattered and not a little amazed that you are reading this. OK, to be honest, I ripped off that joke from Al Franken, but it's so appropriate that I couldn't resist.

The truth is things have not been good for the environment in terms of what's been going on in Washington. There has been a proposed cut of \$500 million for funding of sewage treatment (a key issue for clean water), a reclassification of wetlands resulting in 20 million acres losing protection, as many lands set aside for development as Teddy Roosevelt set aside for protection — the list goes on. All this has been done by the "rugged individualist" in the White House.

I suppose it's not fair to be so critical of Bush; he's done good stuff for the environment. Did you know that he is the first President ever to have mandated mercury reductions? It's a fact, and mercury is a serious problem too; one in six women has enough in her system to produce serious birth defects in her offspring. Of course, Bush's "Utility Mercury Reductions" might not sound so great if you knew that all he did was change already existing laws that would have cleaned up our waters an estimated decade sooner.

Long story short, don't eat the cafeteria fish sticks more than twice a month for the next 14 years.

I would like to take this opportunity to say a short eulogy for the Kyoto Protocol. It was a good protocol, one full of ... what? That's odd. Apparently, Russia just approved it and now it will go into full effect? This does not look good for President Bush.

Forget for a second that the focus of the Kyoto Protocol is to reduce the emission of greenhouse gases, a problem for the entire world; it is going to be a boon to business for every country involved. Allow me to explain: Countries that have a good record will be allowed to trade in pollution permits, which would create an economic incentive for countries to reduce emissions.

My environmental law textbook states, "Agriculture could also be affected. Precipitation patterns could change, and much of the Midwestern United States could experience long, dry summers with

insufficient rain to raise traditional crops of corn and wheat."

OK, now a quote from "A Fresh Start for America; Policy

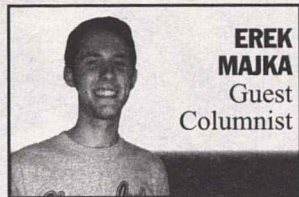
Addresses of George W. Bush: "Agriculture is not just one industry among many. It is the heart of our economy." He also says a bunch of stuff about using science to determine policy,

but I didn't really take it to heart. I mean, he didn't.

Speaking of science, let's hear from an actual scientist — specifically, a senior staff fishery biologist in the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration who wished to remain anonymous. His main job is overseeing the conservation, I mean, destruction of wetlands in the Southeast. What he tells me is that while Bush claims to decrease the net loss of wetlands, that's extremely misleading. What the administration has done is to reclassify 80 percent of them so that they no longer have to be protected. No buffering, no home for migratory birds, just wet. I hope you paid attention to the part about mercury. No doubt you've heard about mercury problems with fish (wetlands are a primary source of mercury removal), but get ready to hear about pesticides, oil and gas and, here's a weird one: birth control pills. That's right; there will be so much estrogen getting into our water system that it will become a health hazard, and I think that's one of the stupidest things I've ever heard of. That's all good science, but, if your science doesn't agree with Bush's "science," you get fired. This and the cutback of funds have made enforcement of any existing laws almost impossible.

The main problem with the President's approach is he is overly concerned with increasing supply and does not seem too anxious to increase efficiency. He does not want things better, only bigger. Our natural resources are exhaustible, and I'm being dead serious when I say we are going to start running out of stuff. World petroleum reserves will be gone in the next century, we are over-fishing, and how can we expect to replace a Carolina Bay when we do not fully understand how they got there? As we go into the 21st century, we can do better, so that our children will not be given the burden of our excess.

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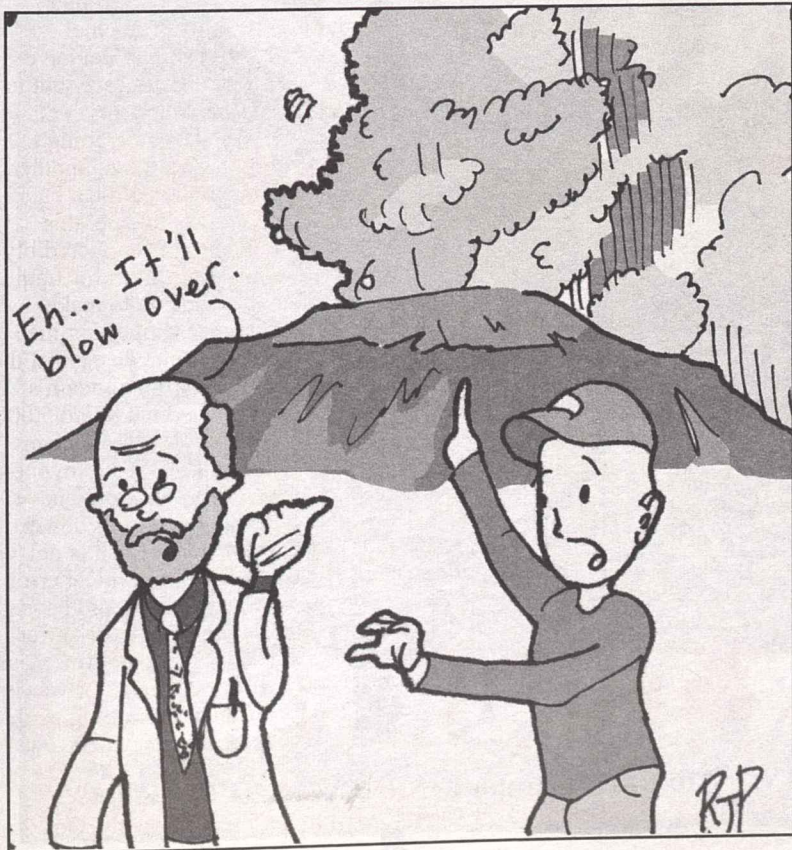
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## BRIEF PAWS

A truck stopped abruptly and spilled 1,000 pounds of pig intestines on a road in Little Rock, Ark. We may have smelled it over here.

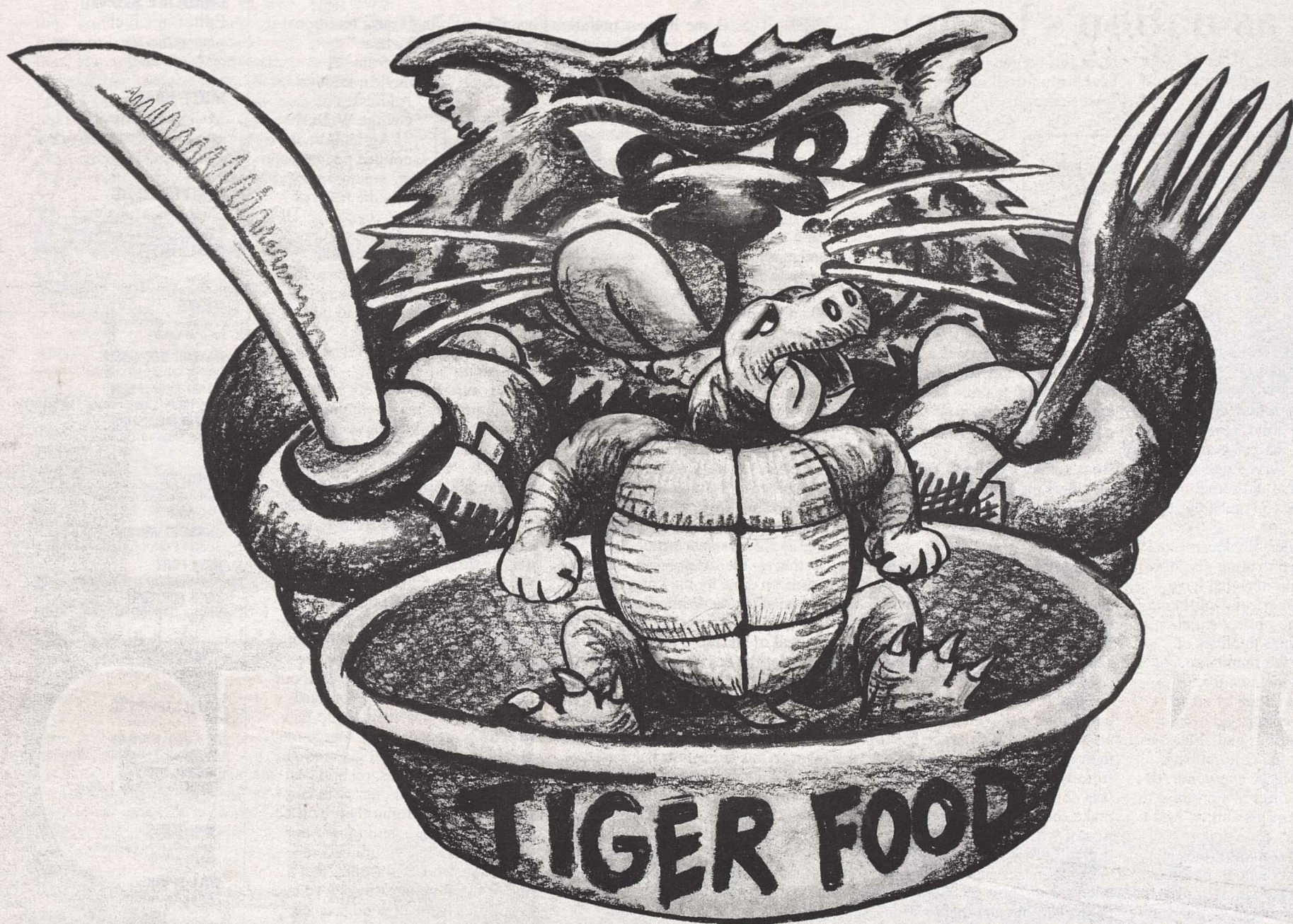
In England, a German Shepherd that had been sentenced to death for biting was let off after years of court battles by the European Court of Human Rights — dogs are people, too?

Average U.S. gas prices have climbed over \$2.00 again and are nearing their record peak hit in May — bike to class, anyone?

A 63-year-old German retiree smashed a police car with his crutch after policemen refused to give him a ride home.

Last week's Homecoming win over Utah State may not have been the upset victory Tiger fans have been looking for this year, but hopefully it paved the way for a successful second half.





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# ON THE PROWL

BY GABRIELLE LAHATTE

As I sat staring at the white corkboard walls in the library, it dawned on me that it is nearly impossible to give great revolutionary sex tips, because there are so many sources for advice, especially in the local grocery store.

Every month there are at least a dozen magazines that feature articles detailing great "new" ways to satisfy your mate or improve your sex life. Being an avid "Cosmopolitan" reader myself, I felt I should use this week's column to look over some recently published suggestions to determine how applicable these ideas were, and if they were even worth your while.

1. "Ways to Spice up Your Relationship — Naughty Notes."

Available on the Internet and at least once a year from the folks at "Cosmo," these note cards revamp traditional flashcards, giving a completely new meaning to "studying." Filled with flirty messages such as "I hope you will apologize to your neighbors tomorrow, because we'll be keeping them up all night," the cards are intended to intrigue your partner when he finds them among his personal belongings.

Sexy messages are a creative idea, but why use fake, cheesy, uninspired note cards to deliver your message? Consider placement as well. Finding the card while in the company of his relatives will not help your image with the family. If you are bold enough, make sure to personalize it. Write something enticing and something that will put a grin on his face.

2. Apply her lipstick, paint her toenails, shave her legs, brush or wash her hair, etc.

Thought of by the writers at "Men's Health," the purpose of this suggestion is to turn up the heat with your girl by demonstrating your devotion. With a little role-reversal and focusing on a certain part of your girlfriend's body, she will feel pampered and sexier. A great idea, but proceed with caution.

Some people are sensitive about their toes and no one is a fan of being nixed by a razor. In addition, showering together on campus can be difficult, especially with hall showers and roommates. Just use some thought to avoid some potentially sticky situations.

3. Give your partner oral sex until climax.

Instead of just foreplay, continue to give oral sex until your partner is satisfied. Not an ingenious idea, however, since once couples begin to have sex, some

forget how

great it is

to give

such satisfaction

to someone else.

Your partner

will be more

than willing

to return the

favor, I am

sure!

To make the

experience even

more enjoyable,

be sure to ask for

advice and sugges-

tions and give feedback

when it is your turn. Communication is crucial for

great sex.

4. Suggest new positions.

After centuries of being taught to be prim and proper, women still have a tough time opening up and showing their enthusiasm in the bedroom. Sex is one of the greatest things in the world; don't try to hide the fact you enjoy it.

Instead, take some initiative and surprise your man with new positions or variations on old classics. By having such a willing partner, your man will be up for anything!

It seems like the magazines have done their homework and discovered some great ideas for couples to try. However, I will leave you with a few that I just could not decide whether they were worth the risk:

For the ladies:

-Spread KY all over your body. Once your man sees you all wet, he won't be able to resist.

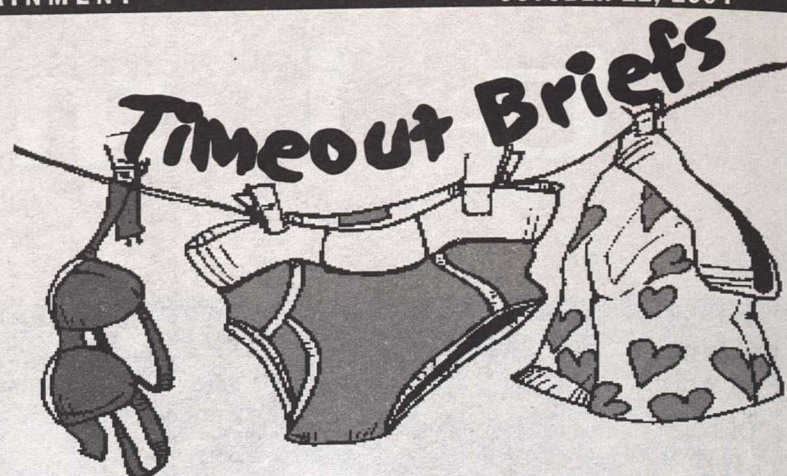
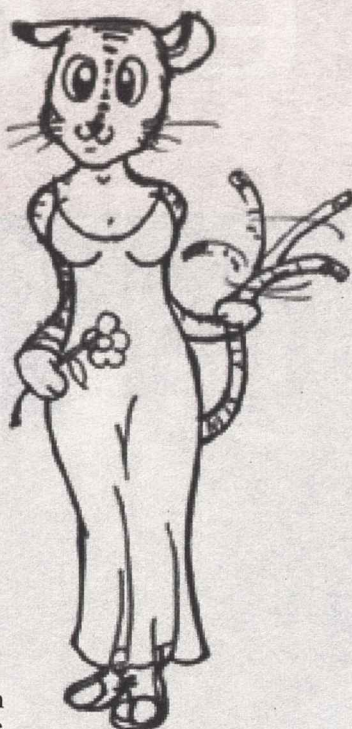
-When you go down on your guy, give him a mirror to position at an appropriate angle to get a different view.

For the guys:

-Pop in porn to get things started.

-Shaving.

Any comments, questions or suggestions for On The Prowl can be emailed to [timeout@thetigernews.com](mailto:timeout@thetigernews.com).



Two films open in major release today, one promising Yuletide laughs, the other a whole bunch of creepy Japanese ghosts. Ben Affleck and James Gandolfini celebrate the holidays a bit early with "Surviving Christmas," and Sarah Michelle Gellar gets attacked by the aforementioned ghosts while in Tokyo in the horror remake "The Grudge."

Opening in limited release are several films receiving huge Oscar buzz: celebrated filmmaker Mike Leigh releases "Vera Drake," which took home the top honors at the Venice Film Festival last month; popular independent director Alexander Payne has Paul Giamatti going "Sideways;" Christian Bale in a pre-Batman role with "The Machinist," also starring Jennifer Jason Leigh; and "Billy Elliot" himself, Jamie Bell, stars in David Gordon Green's "Undertow," this time sporting a southern accent.

On Tuesday, be on the lookout for the release of "White Chicks" on DVD in either a PG-13 or Unrated version — who could ask for more? Well, how about the Special Edition release of "Mulan?" Still not impressed? Check out the TV Shows on DVD releases: a seven-disc release of everyone's favorite new night-time soap, "The O.C.: The Complete First Season;" "That '70s Show: Season One" is released with Mr. Demi Moore (aka Ashton Kutcher); "21 Jump Street: The Complete First Season," starring a young Johnny Depp with a something that suspiciously looks like a mullet; the final season of the cult crime drama "Profiler: Season Four."

Ready to get your groove on? Then check out these CDs being

released on Tuesday: Leonard Cohen unveils his latest, "Dear Heather;" Michael McDonald follows "Motown" with the appropriately titled "Motown 2;" the Limited Edition release of Simple Plan's "Still Not Getting Any," with a DVD attached, too; another Limited Edition, this time from Depeche Mode with "Remixes 81-04;" Michael W. Smith sings about "Healing Rain;" country music star Blake Shelton releases "Blake Shelton's Bar & Grill;" "Our Kind of Soul" from Hall & Oates is out; and more indie pop rock in "Music From the O.C.: Mix 2."

The concert front is mighty busy this coming week. Be on the lookout for the following artists in Clemson: Blue Dogs play tonight at Explorer's Bar & Grill while El Pus and Open rock The Joint; Thursday, Oct. 28 finds Dean Watson and Sean McGaha at the S.C. Botanical Garden with Pens & Needles playing at The Joint. In Greenville, Red Elvises play at The Handlebar tonight.

Eastern Carolina University welcomes Take 6 on Saturday, Oct. 23; and Spencer Rush plays Tuesday, Oct. 26 at the Wild Wing Café in Greenville. And in Asheville, N.C., the Thomas Wolfe Auditorium has The String Cheese Incident scheduled to perform tonight and tomorrow; Dark Star Orchestra will be rocking out at the Orange Peel on Saturday, Oct. 23; and the Orange Peel will also welcome Nickel Creek and Howie Day on Tuesday, Oct. 26.

On Nov. 5, WSBF will present Elf Power, The Late BP Helium, Rachel Jacobs and The Feverfew at the University's Ampitheatre.

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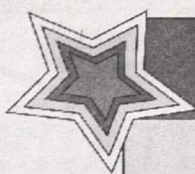
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## THE TOP 5

### Worst Things to get while trick-or-treating

**DAN McCORD**  
Staff Writer

Okay, in the spirit of things, we're going to get you prepped for Halloween. But not in that usual "spooky area" or "costume idea" way. We're going to help you out by letting you know what items to avoid while trick-or-treating (or bag-snatching, depending on your own personal demeanor).

Of course, they did this same themed list about 10 years ago on "Wayne's World" (the SNL skits, not the movie), but since we're doing a tribute to them as well, why not? So here you have the top five worst things to get in your trick-or-treating bag ... er ... basket ... pillowcase ... whatever the kids are using these days.

#### 1. Human Skeleton

Now I'm not talking about an entire human skeleton here, although it's traditionally a symbol associated with Halloween. I'm talking about any part of the human skeleton. If you get home with someone's tibia or skull in your bag, you may want to think about the houses you visited, then call the cops. (Note: if the skull has the teeth removed, keep it — they can't identify the body anyway.) While human bones (and flesh) can spice up a night of trick-or-treating, they've been known to cause candy corn to go stale. Plus, you never know where someone's foot has been.

#### 2. Tic-Tacs

Okay, this one is pretty self-explanatory. On a night when you're filling your bag with enough saccharine goodies to feed a third-world country, you don't want to contaminate your stash with something that's only one-half calorie, or do you want something that's advertised as a breath freshener. While the orange ones are pretty darn good, they're still no match for the likes of Dum-Dums, Sweet Tarts, Hershey bars, etc.

#### 3. Bran Muffins

On the one night of the year when you could pump enough sugar into your veins to keep you going through finals week, the last thing anybody should be worried about is staying regular. While having a healthy bowel cycle is important to some people, it isn't something that should be imposed on others. As the old saying goes, "An apple a day keeps the doctor away," yet

apples and other types of healthy foods should also be avoided.

Pretty much anything that could be considered part of a balanced breakfast — cereal and fruit especially — should be ignored altogether. If you get these things, you can respond by reminding the people they left the eggs out of their diet. Besides, can you imagine reaching into your bag and finding wet, gooey oatmeal covering all your treasures?

#### 4. Toothbrushes

Say no to cavities, right? Wrong! There's always the concerned dentist who serves up toothbrushes to keep sparkling smiles on all the kids' faces. Well, news flash, Dr. Feelgood — kids don't want to brush their teeth, for it will detract from their hours of candy-eating goodness.

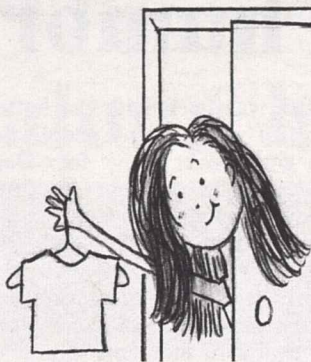
Besides, it's widely known that if you eat enough caramel, it will safely remove all the bad things that can cause cavities or otherwise. Plus, everyone knows that Pop-Rocks massage the gums and fight gingivitis in the same way that fluoride does. Just don't mix them with Coke.

#### 5. Bibles, tracts or the Book of Mormon

Okay, so I basically should have just said religious paraphernalia, but that would have made it less likely for you to read any further. Kids don't want to be hit with religion while their celebrating the Devil's day. Besides, most of them don't even know the background of the holiday, with all the tree worshipping and the druids and whatnot.

Most don't realize they are giving Mephistopheles a vehicle into their bodies (and what a sugary, sweet vehicle it is) by going out and asking for candy in return for not egging, toilet-papering or committing arson on someone's house (not that I'm condoning these actions or anything, I just was never allowed to trick-or-treat and give Satan power).

So one should keep away from any type of religious compound or cult this Oct. 31 to avoid being bombarded with religious literature. Of course, the zealots may mean well, but they don't realize your bag is only so big and those big heavy Bibles are much more dense than any size of Tootsie Roll. It would actually be nice to get a Book of Mormon without signing up for a mailing list, though. ★



### FIVE MINUTES IN THE CLOSET WITH...

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With resources like the Style Channel, "Vogue Magazine," "Harper's Bazaar," "W" and eLuxury.com, high fashion has never been more accessible to the masses. While shopping for a fall wardrobe, I started to think about the big trends this season, which got me to thinking about fashion shows, and thinking about fashion made me think about my column.

This week, I thought I would write an article about how haute couture shapes everyday fashions. Haute couture is French for "high fashion." Only a certain number of designers can claim to be couturiers, and that number is slowly decreasing. According to Fashion-Era.com, since the retirement of Yves St. Laurent in 2002, only 12 couture houses remain.

The Chambre Syndicale de la Couture, located in Paris, oversees the couture houses and sets forth regulations, such as the number of designs and shows the house must produce annually. The Chambre Syndicale also protects couture houses against knockoffs.

Runway shows feature a designer's talent. They usually happen

twice a year — one in the fall and one in the spring.

The designs that float down the runways on ethereal models are like classic pieces of art: they're fun to look at on display, but people rarely have them in their homes. But this isn't the worst thing in the world, as few of us are incredibly good-looking models who are six feet tall and weigh 120 pounds.

The main idea of runway shows is to inspire trends. Remember how everyone was wearing layered ruffled skirts this summer? That's because designers like Tuleh, Emanuel Ungaro and Vera Wang sent dozens of models down their runways, bedecked in romantic layered confections. And any woman who wears a pant-suit should thank her lucky stars for Yves St. Laurent, who pioneered the professional woman's pant-suit. And let's not forget about Coco Chanel, who was the first to design women's clothing that didn't require wearing a corset underneath.

Even socialites (what is a socialite, and what do they do anyways?) seldom wear designs directly from the runway. The biggest trends are to adapt pieces to fit with your per-

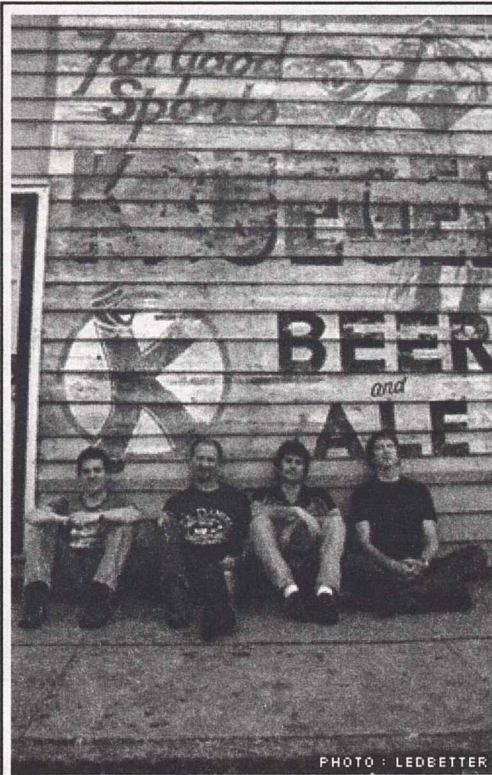
sonal style and to mix-and-match designer labels. In an interview published in the September issue of "Vogue," Tomas Maier of Bottega Veneta states that the trend is moving "toward individualism, and [women] are looking for things that will set them apart."

Access to fashion magazines, prêt-à-porter-offering websites and televised runway shows have had a marked effect on how women are dressing. Stores are quicker to adapt new trends. And adaptation, coupled with easier access, means increased buying, which means women have more say in what stays in style and what goes out.

Who knows, maybe one day women will stand up to the dictatorial fashion magazines and say "I AM SOOO NOT WEARING THAT!!!" It's already happening. The much acclaimed "prairie look" of 2001 came and went without a second glance.

Maybe some day regular people will be able to own the season's hottest item (a la Ugg Boots or the Louis Vuitton Murkami bag) before the snobbish fashion magazines declare that the items have already gone out of fashion. And maybe designers will eventually stop running ads of models wearing couture gowns in the middle of the desert (what IS that anyways?).

In the September issue of "Vogue," designer Michael Kors says that he is designing for "the hippest customers ever. Women are fearless about fashion right now. And they're often way ahead of everyone else." Sometimes that even means the buyers. So, shop it up, ladies. Let's be like Lexus and "continue to put the world on notice." ★



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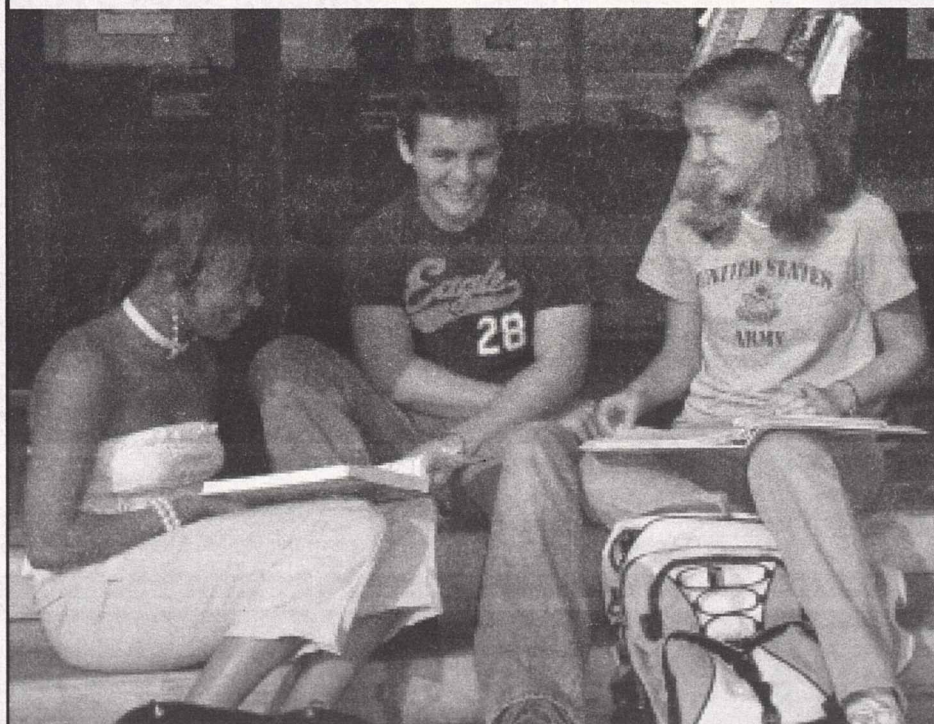
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# "SNL" lacks timely humor

**BETH WESTEREN**  
Staff Writer

As I sat watching the presidential debates last week, I was struck with how unfunny they were, especially compared to the last election. It then occurred to me that perhaps I found the debates funny in 2000 because I didn't actually watch them per se, but rather the parodies of them performed by the players who are still not yet ready for prime time. And then I realized that it didn't matter because "SNL" isn't funny anymore either.

The way I see it, there are three peaks in the existence of "Saturday Night Live:" one in each decade of

its life. Once Lorne Michaels got the ball rolling on a show the likes of which no one had ever seen, it was like a runaway train. The pure brilliance of comedians like Bill Murray, Chevy Chase, Gilda Radner, Dan Akroyd and John Belushi brought this groundbreaking show into the living rooms and bedrooms of families across the United States. Unfortunately, our generation was too young and missed out on having such templates in our formative years, but it paved the way for comedy to explore new ways of making us laugh.

And then it happened. After a good 10 years of sucking big time,

"SNL" was back with the hottest group of young funny people that you could ever hope for: Dana Carvey, Mike Meyers, Chris Farley (God rest his soul), Chris Rock, Adam Sandler and Phil Hartman (God rest his soul, too). There were more good sketches, more memorable characters and less awkward moments than ever. We as kids started staying up later, memorizing every catchphrase and repeating word for word the jokes on Monday morning at school.

But even though we as kids understood it, so did our parents. They did the same things, standing around the coffeemaker at work. And that was the genius of the Church Lady or the Cave Man Lawyer; it was smart, fresh and universally funny.

After the passing on of the cast members of the early '90s, whether to the movies, to oblivion or to the great beyond, "SNL" took a turn for the worst. Once again it was weak, to say the least. Suddenly, though, there were topics that were easy to make fun of. While "SNL" had been commenting on politics for years, the 2000 presidential election was a circus from the beginning. Put it together with the cast and writers they had at the time, and the chemistry was perfect. I don't know how well people associated the names Bush and Gore with their real faces, but I know I immediately thought of Will Ferrell and Darrell Hammond. All at once people knew what you meant when you said "stratery" or "lockbox." And it was good.

It's sad that such a good idea as "SNL" could go so awry. We all know the potential that the show has, but we must look to syndicated episodes, DVDs and simple taped episodes to enjoy what used to be. It is important, though, to keep the tradition of Saturday night sacred; there is always a chance for it to come back around. In the meantime, though, we must remember the lessons that it has taught us over the years: politics are funny; the only prescription for a fever is more cow bell; and never, ever open the door for a land shark.★

# Student searches for common truths

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There are times in life when it feels like we are on a treadmill. No matter how fast our life flows, it sometimes feels like we're making no progress whatsoever.

We advance in our careers, marry our significant "anyone would do" and get ourselves a house only to find out that we have no free time for ourselves. We become "just another person" walking on the street dreaming of a bigger house.

If we're the type of person that can't go to sleep immediately after we hit the bed, we eventually face what we've become. We're cuffed to something, and sadly enough it is not the bars of our bed.

Instead, we end up staring at the ceiling as our eyes get used to darkness. We tell ourselves tomorrow is going to be better, and if we're lucky enough to ease our minds, we go to sleep without the help of a sleeping pill. We drink way too much coffee. U2 says we're "stuck in a moment and can't get out of it." To be honest with you, I had thought many American college students never got stuck in such moments.

It seemed like something to envy, how everyone was so capable to drink the troubles away and not care about them next day. Perhaps knowing what's ahead after graduation, they just wanted to take it easy during their most precious college years.

Weren't these years the piggy bank of memories providing them with what they would keep on reminiscing for the rest of their lives? These were just questions rambling around my brain as I was stuck in my own moment.

Call it jealousy; call it ignorance; call it the truth, call it whatever you will ... None of us see the future anyway. Now, I found out that I had oversimplified everything.

There are so many lonely people around me, regardless of their

nationalities. Actually, I notice that America is also the land of the lonely in addition to that of the brave and the free.

So many superficial relationships among friends come to surface via the silliest of reasons, talking behind someone's back is almost morally allowed and friends are just like assets of a firm and they also need to be depreciated and possibly replaced over time.

Only a few people really want to share what we might have to say when we have problems and need to talk to somebody. Sadly, they might not even be our current friends because we would rather hang out with whoever can drink ten consecutive tequila shots without throwing up. We tend to keep our friends who wear glasses at a minimum. I think we suck sometimes. I don't even know why I am writing about this.

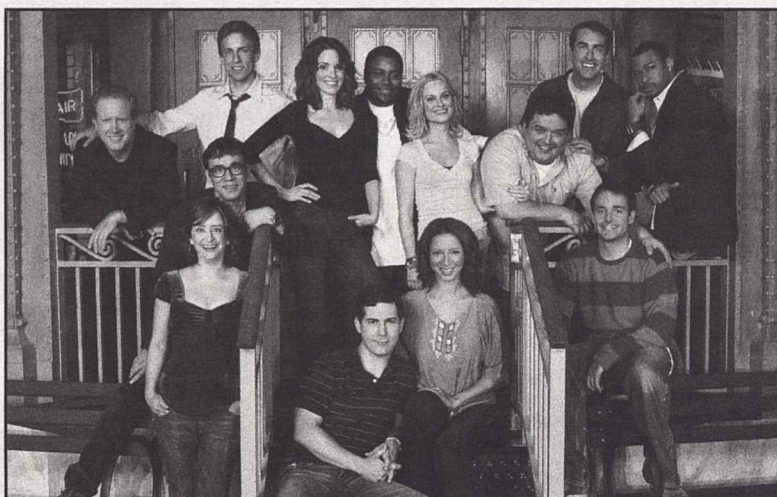
I guess babbling stuff in public helps. I just think that if we are ever stuck in a moment, it is going to be a good friend who comes to rescue.

When we find ourselves not being able to advance in our careers the way we want, when we discover the tragedy of having married the wrong person or when we think our house is just not big enough, we must have friends that we can call upon, because they have the strange ability to make us happier than living in a mansion.

Even if everything seems to go well, remember: we'll never really be satisfied. It's not a virtue our species has. We just know how to ask for more.

Wow ... I didn't know I had this much to say. But I guess writing about this made me feel better in that I see that I still care, at least in theory, even if I'm making so many mistakes in practice.

I hope some of you could make it all the way down to this sentence without saying, "what the heck is this guy talking about." I promise, next week I'll be a good boy and scribble nonsense as I usually do. Maybe I already did. ★



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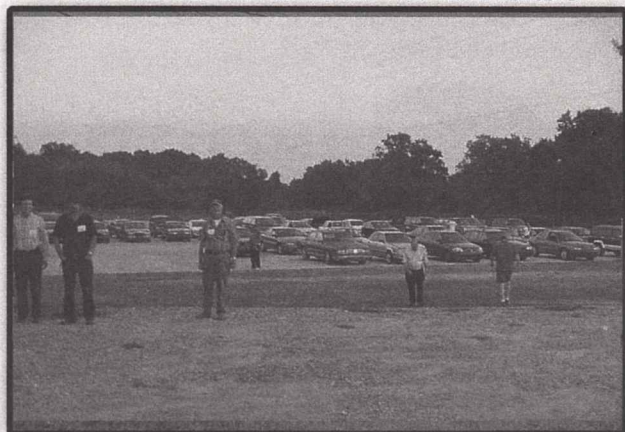
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# Mitchell deserves place as top artist

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Staff Writer

In this column, I will be discussing some of my favorite musical artists, ones I have enjoyed throughout my lifetime.

They are musicians who I think are essential forces in the world of so-called popular music. They are timeless.

They have and will continue to be huge influences not just on other artists but on any- and everybody who listens to and enjoys their beautiful sounds and the magical stories and insights they give. They are my world, and I would love to share.

Because there are so many great singer-songwriters who I love, it was quite a demanding task to choose the first one to write about. However, after popping "Blue" in my CD player recently, it was obvious that I must start with Joni Mitchell.

It is hard to know where to begin with Joni. She is one of the best songwriters of the 20th Century. She has made a multitude (17 to be exact) of extremely gripping and powerful albums. She is an absolutely fabulous painter as well.

But besides all of that, she has touched generations of people, including me, with her sometimes political, mostly dark, but always confessional songs and her beautiful, flowing, sometimes high-pitched voice (although it has changed throughout the years since she started).

Mitchell was born in Canada during World War II in 1943. At the age of nine, she battled through polio, becoming one of the few victims not to die or to become paralyzed by the virus.

After finishing high school, she spent one year at an art college before deciding that was not the direction she wanted to take, so she moved to Toronto and began working on her music career.

After being married to a fellow folksinger for more than a year, she moved to New York City in 1967, where she met her agent who then thought it would be best if she went to Southern California.

In 1968, her first album, originally self-titled but now referred

to as "Song to a Seagull," was released. After receiving critical praise, she released the next year her second album entitled "Clouds," which included songs she wrote that were originally released by other singers. In 1970, she released her third album, "Ladies of the Canyon."

In the years to follow she would release, in my opinion, her two greatest albums, "Blue" and "Court and Spark." Unless you are a Joni Mitchell fan, you probably haven't really listened to any of her albums or maybe even her songs except for "Big Yellow Taxi" (which was remade by Amy Grant, and more recently by the Counting Crows). This is quite unfortunate. I feel that "Blue" has to be (if a choice was necessary) the one album of Joni Mitchell's that every music fan should have.

Listening to the opening lines of the first song, "I am on a lonely road, and I am traveling, traveling/ Looking for something, what can it be," is the ultimate theme of growing up or, shall I say, making that transition, whatever it may be, in life. Her rather

personal lyrics have something that everybody can relate to because they capture human experience.

While "Blue" is very simplistic and folksy with mostly just Joni and her guitar and sometimes

a piano, "Court and Spark" uses more instrumentation and has a jazzy feel to it. Obviously it came later (two albums later than "Blue") and in many ways is more complicated and fresh, and not as melancholy as her previous records.

Other albums I should mention by Joni Mitchell are "For the Roses" (1972), "The Hissing of Summer Lawns" (1975) and "Hejira" (1976).

While Joni Mitchell, at least in her early years, was quite prolific, her words and powerful music carry an immense and unequivocal look into the human condition with huge thoughts and vast questions that tend to pose many challenging answers.

She is the ultimate female singer/songwriter. Joni Mitchell is, in her own right and just as every human being is, a work of art. ★

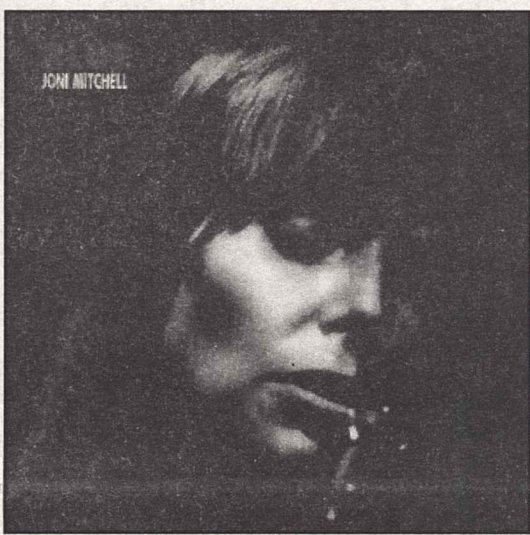


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# Mock Turtle Soup stays up all night to help good cause

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Staff Writer

What do President Barker, a drunk frat guy and a guy who doesn't use the bathroom for 11 hours have in common? More than one might think. Last Friday, the 16 brave souls of Clemson's own improvisational comedy group, Mock Turtle Soup, held a 24-hour improv-a-thon to raise money for the Habitat for Humanity build. Their spectators were many and varied, including our illustrious president of the university, who came up on stage for a little audience participation. An anonymous source reports to me that he was even kind of funny.

I went out on Friday afternoon to check out the action for myself. Above the noises of hammering, power saws and obnoxious mix of country, rap, southern and classic rock, MTS (with the help of microphones) thrilled and titillated their listeners with all sorts of improvisational games. If you've never been to one of their shows, a game might start like this:

Host: "Name your uncle's favorite thing to do."

Audience Member #1: "Hunt!"

Audience Member #2: "Golf!"

Audience Member #3: "Boobs!"

Host: (with incredulous look at Audience Member #3) "Um...OK, players, do a scene combining hunting and golf."

Bell: "Ding!"

And then, of course, completely unscripted and unrehearsed hilarity ensues.

The goal of the event was to put comedy to good use and show the philanthropic side of MTS. The idea of 24 hours of improv came from other groups that had done the same thing before; however, MTS decided to take pledges and donations to help out the Habitat house that is a tradition on Bowman every Homecoming. Habitat built

the stage for MTS, and over \$600 in pledges and \$400 in donations from audience members, tailgaters and those admiring their float work was raised.

The event ran from noon on Friday to noon on Saturday, with each group of 4 players pulling a 3-hour shift. Every shift had a name that got them through the long hours, from "We're No. 1" all the way through "The After Party," "The Hotel Lobby" and "The Closing Statement." There was an audience present all night long, even into the wee hours, though at some points there was only one guy who pulled a marathon viewing session himself from midnight until 11 the next morning (and who, my anonymous source pointed out, may or may not have used the bathroom during that entire 11 hour period).

There were a number of debuts at the event as well, including the very first show for Clemson's new a capella group, "Southern Take Pulse Roar." Word is that they still need a little work. Also making its first appearance was a

new type of game in keeping with the election year. The audience picked a platform for each of two candidates, then the two opponents debated based on their platforms. After the audience was polled and a winner was chosen, the scene progressed as what would happen in a world where the winning platform was instituted. In MTS's case late Friday night, it was a world in which we used ferrets more. Not a bad idea, come to think of it.

If you would like to check out some improv comedy for yourself, MTS will be having a show on Oct. 29 at 8 p.m. in 111 Lee Hall. If you wear your Halloween costume, you will receive \$1 off admission and the admiration of those around you. More information can be found at the group's website, [www.mockturtlesoup.org](http://www.mockturtlesoup.org). As if you needed another reason to go, vice-president/co-director Erin Jenkins put it to me this way: "Mock Turtle Soup is not only the most awesome group on campus but clearly is also made up of the best looking people on campus." A pretty convincing argument, I think. ★

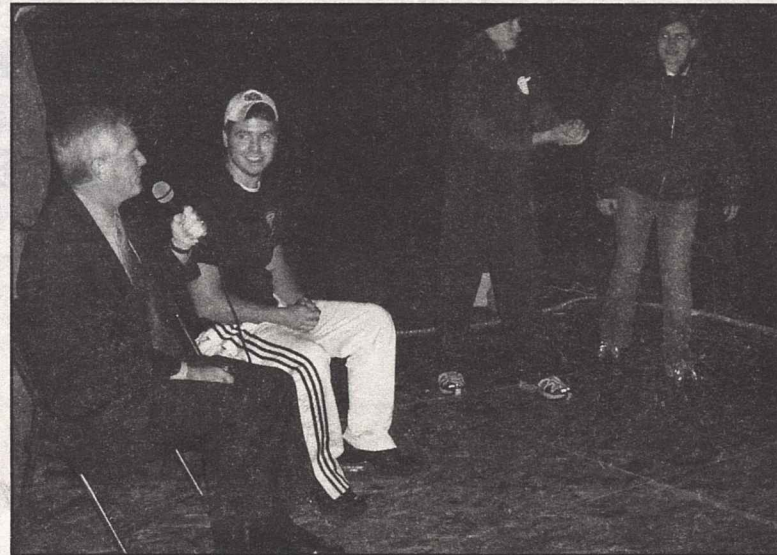


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"USE MAYO": President Barker adds his wit to a scene about skee ball.

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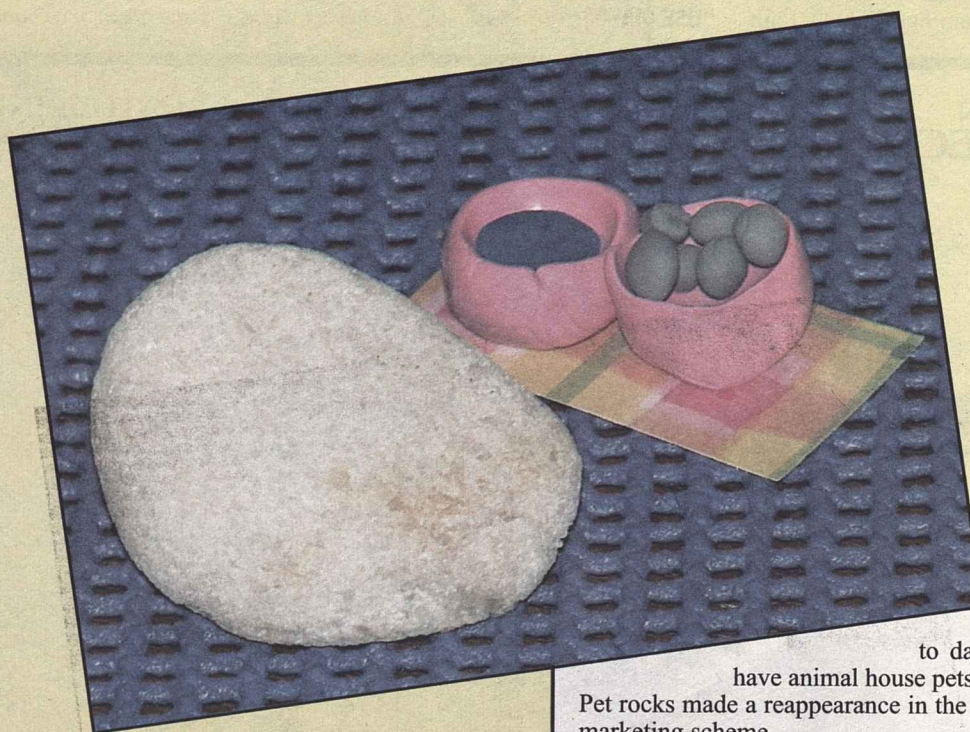
# TimeOut's Pet Emporium

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other reptiles can make great college pets. Reptiles are allowed on campus housing, but not in apartment settings. Snakes do not require the least amount of time of all other pets, but they do require a lot of time and effort in their environment for living. For instance, a snake can cost up to \$600. Maintaining the snake can be costly, and they also require special care. The costs for reptiles (including vet care, etc.) are about \$250. As with any pet, it is important to provide proper care for the type of animal you own. There are special requirements for owning that pets, such as saying that pets must live underwater, put in the tank, and your pet is officially in the tank. What type of pet is best for you, be where you will be in the future. Many residences every nine months or so. Many of your future residences do not have any animal choice. Reptiles are not the type of pet that require a lot of cuddling or taking for walks, but they are a great choice for a college pet. A word to the wise: your choice of pet slightly cre

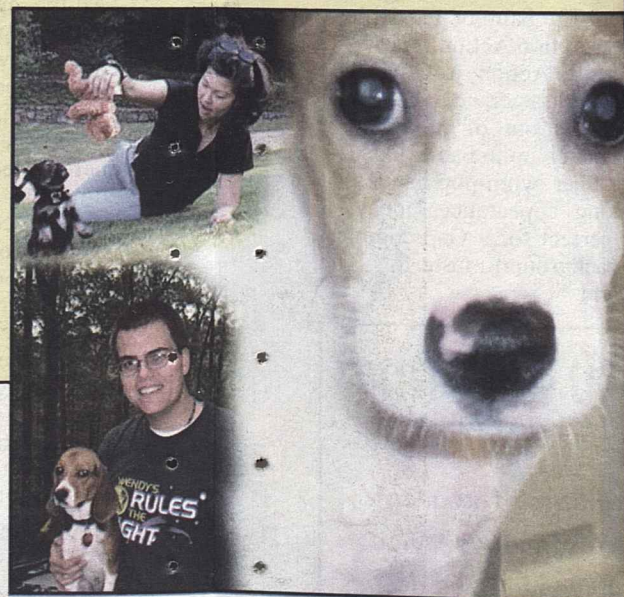


Back in the Triassic period when caveman families were struggling to survive from day to day, it was incredibly difficult to have animal house pets, so pet rocks were very popular. Pet rocks made a reappearance in the '70s under a well-developed fad marketing scheme.

Rocks make incredibly good pets. They are simple to obtain. They only come in three varieties: igneous, metamorphic and sedimentary. And, seriously, are there any other pets that rock as much as rocks?

Owning a pet rock has many advantages. They don't grow larger with age, they require little exercise and no litter boxes or pooper-scoopers are necessary. They're notoriously quiet and seldom disturb your roommate; they don't smell bad after strolling in the rain; they require little food; and you can leave boy and girl rocks in the same cage with no fear of them producing a litter of baby rocks. However, there are disadvantages. Unlike other pets, it's not fun to share your bed with your pet rock. They have a hard time playing traditional pet games, such as "go fetch" or running on the hamster wheel.

Rocks have sparkling personalities. There's really nothing better in the world than coming home to a pet rock waiting to greet you at the door with a wagging tail and wet nose. Or maybe that was another kind of pet. In any case, pet rocks are possibly the best pets ever.



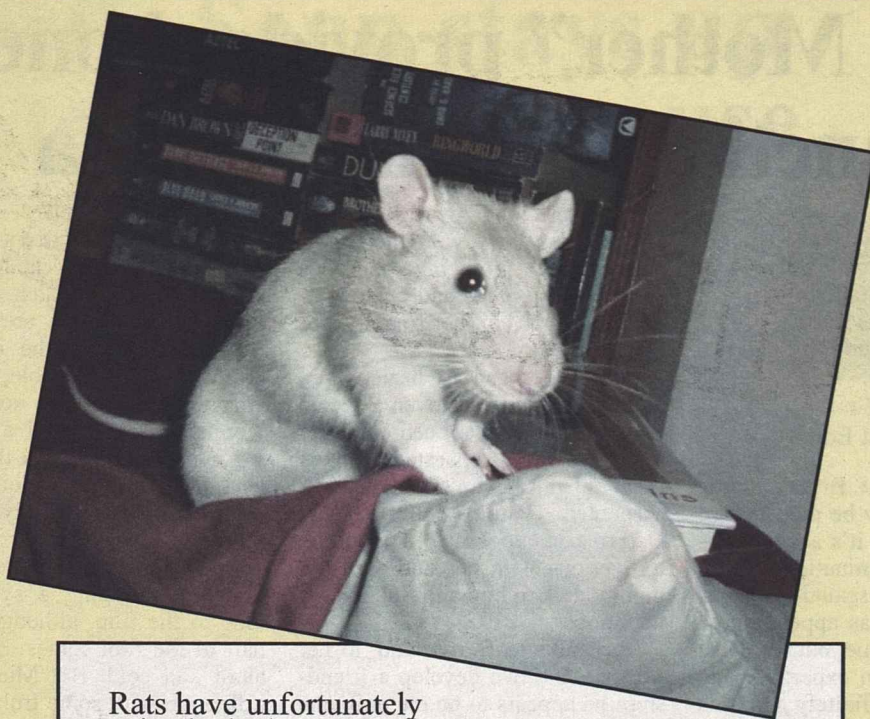
Man's best friend, what more do you need to know? Well, Snoopy might not be the best fit for the college student and most certainly not the on-campus college student. Not surprisingly, dogs are restricted in all campus housing. And if you have moved into some off-campus digs, dogs may not be the best choice as a housemate. Dogs require a large amount of time and care; practically the equivalent of having a furry, typically large-eared, wet-nosed baby. Other considerations are the financial obligations of owning a dog. As college students, we are all on a budget. If you are not willing to give up your beer money to provide food, veterinary care and entertainment for a new pet, you probably are not ready to own one. Everyone wants a puppy, and they require the most time of all. People need to remember, puppies inevitably turn into full-grown dogs, and while they may not be as cute, they still require the same time and care. House training is a necessity and can be a very trying experience. If you have visions of a dog that responds to 40 different voice commands and 13 different hand signals, you are in for a lot of work. There are small breeds that are ideal for the apartment setting, and large breeds for those that are looking for a young Old Yeller. If you are ready to make the investment of time and money required, check out your local animal shelter before buying from a breeder. Shelters have many breeds of dogs and you can provide a better life for any one of these animals. If you decide that you have the time and love to share with a new dog, they can make very rewarding pets. A dog will give as much love as it receives and are known to have some of the best personalities of all domestic pets.





Want to get away from the norm? Tired of your friends going on and on about how cute their puppy/kitten/gerbil is? Then a reptile may just be the perfect offbeat pet for you! Snakes, lizards, geckos, iguanas and

other reptiles can make great college pets. Fish are the only animals allowed on campus housing, but reptiles fit right into the apartment setting. Snakes do not require daily feeding and may require the least amount of time of all college pets. Some reptiles do require a lot of time and effort in order to maintain a proper environment for living. For instance, an iguana can require a set up cost of over \$600. Maintaining the rain forest like habitat can be costly, and they also require special dietary needs. Total annual costs for reptiles (including vet care, environment, feeding, etc.) are about \$250. As with any pet, it is important to research the proper care for the type of animal you are interested in and any special requirements for owning that pet. Remember, if the rules say that pets must live underwater, put a bowl of water on top of the tank, and your pet is officially underwater. When deciding what type of pet is best for you, be sure to take into account where you will be in the future. Many college students change residences every nine months or so. Make sure that the rules at your future residence do not have any restrictions against your animal choice. Reptiles are not the type of pet that are good for cuddling or taking for walks, but they provide a unique alternative to the typical college pet. A word of warning: your friends may find your choice of pet slightly creepy.



Rats have unfortunately received a bad rap over the years. Sure, they helped cause a bubonic plague and are often seen dwelling in sewers, and who could forget the Rodents Of Unusual Size from "The Princess Bride?" But rats have become more domestic and have started to develop into popular pets among college students.

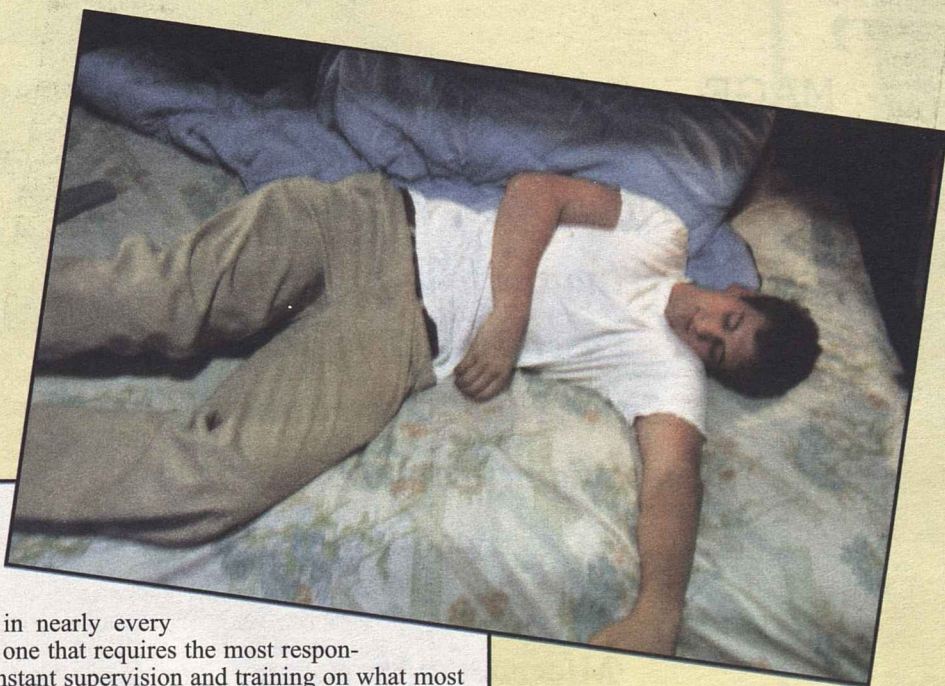
These rodents are essentially like hamsters and mice in their living environment and can live in a regular cage with wood shavings, although red cedar shavings and cages lined with papers are to be avoided, as they can hurt a rat's allergies (yes, rats have allergies). The feeding of rats essentially boils down to putting them on a strong, healthy diet of foods like grains and vegetables. However, it is advisable not to give rats an excessive amount of meat, for they may grow such an appetite that they start nipping at you...which is not good.

Just like humans, rats love company, and two rats are always better than one. However, one needs to introduce the two rats in a safe and neutral environment, and while the two may fight at first, they will soon begin to bond with each other.

Despite the bad reputation they have received, rats still make great companions and can be loveable pets. Even though they spread the bubonic plague, you get quite attached to them.



campus housing. And if you have moved into some of the best choices as a housemate. Dogs require a lot of time and money required, check out your options from a breeder. Shelters have many breeds of dogs or any one of these animals. If you decide that you want a new dog, they can make very rewarding pets. They receive and are known to have some of the best



The most prevalent pet by far among college students is the slovenly roommate.

This strange creature exists in nearly every apartment and is possibly the one that requires the most responsibility. This animal needs constant supervision and training on what most would consider the simplest of tasks. It seems as though most breeds of lazy roommate know the commands "sit," "sleep," "make a mess" and "leave the appliances running." One may ask why a person would keep a pet that doesn't bathe unless forced and creates more waste than it cleans. The simple fact is that this is also the only pet on the list that pays for its stay. For a person seeking the accompaniment of such an animal, here are some tips. Make sure that the messy roommate is potty trained and realizes that a third floor balcony is not considered a urinal. When the pet is found asleep or passed out and surrounded by its own trash, discipline the creature with a Sharpee marker or some revealing photos to show that you mean business. Lastly, get the roommate to pull some of its own weight around the apartment by way of chores, and if it still disobeys, then steal its belongings. Using these simple rules, you too could be the proud owner of your own ill-kempt critter. Just make sure you give the little guy a good home and are ready for a challenge, or you will find yourself in the situation of having four of these disheveled beasts under one roof without a responsible owner in sight.



# "The Mother" provides honest, dysfunctional family drama



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Assistant TimeOut Editor

The independent British drama "The Mother" may be pure torture for some viewers: it's a quiet, leisurely-paced examination of an elderly woman's sexual awakening. This may be as appetizing as a root canal for some, but for those in the mood for an expertly made character study, definitely give this film a glance.

May (Anne Reid) has led a seemingly happy marriage for decades and has generally accepted her role in life as a wife/mother/grandmother and nothing else. When visiting their daughter Paula (Cathryn Bradshaw) and son Bobby (Steven Mackintosh) in London, May's husband has a heart attack and dies.

Her life reaches a standstill, for without her husband, she is basi-

cally alone and worthless. Her children are busy with their lives and find her more of a nuisance than anything else, and her grandchildren look to her mainly for presents.

Paula does run to her mother, however, in turmoil over a recent relationship. She's been sleeping with recently separated Darren (Daniel Craig), who's also Bobby's carpenter. Paula's afraid that Darren's not looking for anything too serious with her and asks her mom to talk to him and find out his intentions.

May talks to Darren and, to her surprise, the two develop a friendship; he appears to be the only one to take an actual interest in her as a person, not as a mother. While out for lunch one day, May kisses Darren, and in a few days the two have started a secret relationship.

May pushes aside all guilt of betraying her daughter, for she has finally found happiness. She has never felt so liberated and alive then when she's with Darren. But, when the truth finally comes out, Paula and Bobby have to deal with the fact that they may not know

their mother too well.

Written by celebrated screenwriter Hanif Kureishi, "The Mother" is a difficult film to watch. The emotions on the screen are raw and real and none of the characters are particularly loveable, yet that's what makes the film so genuine. Kureishi has sculpted a fascinating and probing drama that falters near the end with melodrama but remains heartbreakingly intimate throughout.

Roger Michell provides skillful direction, bringing a sympathetic tone to the film, although the last half of the film comes off as a bit aloof and cold. But Michell does a fine job with some truly difficult scenes, particularly two surprisingly graphic sex scenes.

The subject matter is at first hard to digest (in real life, Reid is 69 and Craig is 36), and while some may neglect the movie for just that reason, one is missing out on a very tastefully and maturely made film.

The acting by the entire cast is uniformly superb. Mackintosh and Bradshaw, two excellent character actors, do a great job with their roles and the up-and-coming Craig (he played opposite Gwyneth Paltrow in "Sylvia") proves an affable lothario.

The heart of the film, however, is Reid. A celebrated television actress in the U.K., Reid earned raves on both sides of the Atlantic for her arresting and touching performance, and she was even nominated for the Best Actress British Academy Award (hopefully the Oscars will give her some attention, too). It's a very risky role, and she pulls it off brilliantly. Her performance is worth the price of the rental alone.

The DVD is rather scant with extras, besides a DVD commentary by Michell and the producer. There are a few film trailers, but, otherwise, it's something that one would mainly reserve for a rental.

# "Action" fatigues



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A simulated conversation between Mark Thomas Kluepfel, former frontman of the pop-punk band The Reunion Show, with his former bandmates:

Kluepfel: "So, guys...we didn't make any money with our last album. We're never going to catch up to Taking Back Sunday and Yellowcard, because ... um ... they're sellouts. So, I was thinking ... let's change our sound. There's this band, The Faint, and they kind of sound like Depeche Mode, but everyone seems to like it ..."

At that point, a few band members looked disgusted, muttered something about being punk until death and left the room. A few ex-members of the similarly defunct band Count the Stars, late on rent and tired of playing Xbox, overheard the conversation as they passed the open door and wandered in.

Kluepfel: "OK, so what can we do to sound more like Depeche Mode?"

Adam Manning (of Count the Stars): "Well, I saw William Wittman downstairs looking through the classifieds. Didn't he produce Cyndi Lauper?"

Kluepfel: "By Jove, Adam, you're in!"

And that's how Action Action was born.

That's right, kids, it's time to change band shirts. Pop-punk is out; synth-pop is in. This is good, if your synth-loving soul needs an excuse to dance, but bad if you're a pop punk band. But most importantly, it is no excuse to pretend that this is the kind of music you play.

As a disclaimer, the album is not that bad. In fact, if they were a Joy Division cover band with real day jobs, they would be perfect. But it's forced. It's unnatural for a label like Victory to try to produce music powered primarily by a synthesizer, and it just doesn't come out right.

This is evident in the first two tracks, "This Year's Fashion" and "Drug Like," where the music and the vocals just don't line up. The vocals sound droned and contorted when matched with the poppy beat of the background; it almost sounds like they had to slow down the music so the vocals could catch up. A Moog is supposed to sound crisp and dancey, not melancholic.

The third track, "Photograph," sounds like something that could

have been The Reunion Show song. Its lyrics include, "I never should have kissed those lips before, I never should have let you out my door, but now I'm stuck here with your photograph," and the melody has almost a complete deficiency of moog. The fourth, fifth and sixth tracks follow suit.

The seventh track, "A Simple Question," the essential cusp of the album, successfully manages to merge the old, natural sound of The Reunion Show with the new "Action Action" sound. At 2:15, nearly the halfway point of the song, essentially the halfway point of the CD — they change from sparse synth beats to an upbeat, pop-punk melody — and it actually sounds good. Could Action Action be on the right track to synth-pop stardom?

No! The next track, "Eighth-Grade Summer Romance," doesn't fit well with their old sound or the new-and-improved synth sound. It just sounds poppy and generic.

Don't give up yet, though! Tracks nine and ten are better! The lyrics are meaningful, the melodies are upbeat, complex and natural sounding and it's fun to listen to! Oh, Action Action — how you toy with my emotions.

And then there's track eleven, "Four Piece Jigsaw Puzzle," which doesn't sound like anything else on the album. It is acoustic and slow and isn't deserving of criticism, negative or positive, because it simply does not belong on this album.

For track twelve, the simulated conversation between the members of Action Action continues:

Kluepfel: "We didn't think this out too well. We kind of changed our sound in the middle of the album."

Wittman: "You can't trash half of your CD and still expect to make it as part of the synth-pop trend."

Kluepfel: "Well, I really liked the first track ... maybe we can just re-record that one."

And so we witness the birth of "Don't Cut Your Fabric," "This Year's Fashion's" more aesthetically pleasing better half.

The CD ends on a good note with "The Short Weekend Begins With a Longing," which has a solid rhythm and matching lyrics, plus a little bit of poppiness that distinguishes them from The Faint or The Killers. Good job, Action Action.

All in all, Action Action saved a potential disaster, and got some decent music out of it. While it may not match up to bands like The Faint or other synth-pop bands that are making appearances today, it will be perfect for a Gap commercial or background music for "The Real World."



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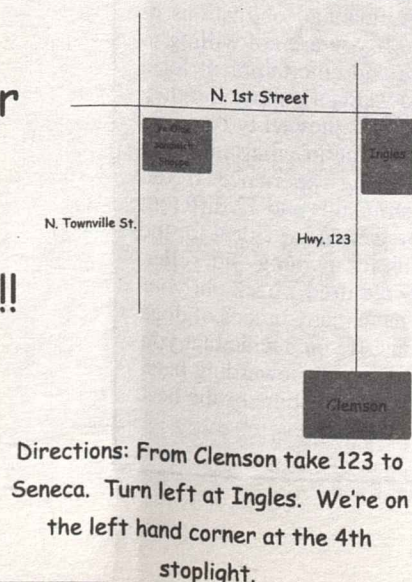
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# Game conquers all



**ROME: TOTAL WAR REVIEW**  
RTS Games  
Released: Out Now

**ADAM GRIFFIS**  
Staff Writer

The last few years have been hard on the strategy genre. RTS games have devolved into formulaic rehashing of the same Starcraft-esque game play. Consumer tastes have been moving away from turn-based games so that, save "Civilization," the genre has all but disappeared.

Once revolutionary and high quality game licenses such as Ground Control have conformed into the typical style, losing depth and variety. There remain two promising upcoming and current titles, however: "Battle for Middle Earth" and "Rome: Total War."

For those unfamiliar with the "Total War" series, which includes the previous games "Shogun" and "Medieval," it's basically two games in one. First it has a turn-based game played on a Risk-style board divided into provinces. In this game, players have a tremendous amount of control over economy, politics, diplomacy and large-scale strategy.

On the other hand, there's a battle system where players take control of the armies they build and command them in the field so a player can affect the outcome of the battles personally, rather than just observe the outcomes, as is typical of high-end turn-based games.

This unique mix means that gamers can control every aspect of the game. A good tactician can make up for his strategic shortcomings by taking relatively small armies to victories, while a poor field commander can use superior skill in the ways of diplomacy and production management to make sure that he always comes to the field with numbers in his favor. Personally commanding the battles is not mandatory; you can allow your general to run the battle by himself.

The turn-based section of "Rome: Total War" has improved a lot this time around. Diplomatic options have been greatly increased; one can now barter for trade agreements, rights of passage or just make demands of tributes. The economy is a much larger part of the game; trade can be disrupted by pillaging armies or blockading ships, and an active economy has a real effect on tax revenues and population size.

One can still assassinate enemy agents (diplomats, generals, family

members), and the family management has been improved as well. One doesn't have to physically move faction members to marry — one can simply manage marriages from the control panel. This is a terrific improvement. Moving diplomats and betrothed princesses around in "Medieval: Total War" was a hassle and a danger; princesses were often targeted in assassinations.

Moreover, troop placement is now much more important; one can now pick the general area of the battle, allowing for much more depth and planning. For example, if an army is light on cavalry but has strong heavy infantry and missile troops, it is best to fight on a bridge and thus reduce the risk of flank attacks. These changes really make the game feel more well rounded and help to link the two sections of the game closer. Now when one has a poor battleground position, there is only the player to blame.

The real-time battle element of Rome hasn't changed a great deal, but it really didn't need to either. The click-select controls have moved to the industry standard, an adoption of the norms, which I appreciate, as it is much easier to use rather than having to adjust to a new control scheme.

The only other major additions are better graphics, epic speeches made by commanders before the battle and more units. Where before the turned-based game had been the host of zany units — such as the geishas in "Shogun" and the priests and inquisitors in "Medieval" — the real time element now hosts the crazier units, e.g. tarred pigs that are lit on fire and sent into the enemy's ranks or war dogs, although both are supposedly authentic.

There are only two complaints about "Rome: Total War." One, multiplayer is still restricted to battles, and inexplicably so. It is understandable that some might not want turn-based multiplayer, but it does not excuse not including both. "Civilization's" multiplayer has proved to be sufficiently popular, so "Rome" should have used turned-based game play. Two, there is a weird mouse lag on some systems that seems to be unrelated to graphics level, but it is not insurmountable. It is doubtful the average person is going to notice it, while a hardcore gamer might. It will probably be fixed by a patch.

Overall, "Rome" is an incredibly satisfying experience. It has enough of the old "Total War" not to disappoint fans of the series, but enough evolution to keep the game fresh and interesting. The only thing keeping "Rome" from five paws is the lack of turned-based multiplayer, something unexplainably left out.

# "Team America" strings along hilarity, social satire



**TEAM AMERICA: WORLD POLICE**  
Paramount Pictures  
Released: Out Now

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Staff Writer

If I learned one thing from the new educational film "Team America: World Police" by "South Park" creators Trey Parker and Matt Stone, it's that South America is several thousand miles south of "Real" America. If I learned a second thing, it's that Alec Baldwin is the greatest actor ever. If I learned a third thing ... well, you know where this is going. I'm just going to wittily report another of the film's jokes. So let's just say that I learned a ton from this satire of society.

First of all, let me say that "Team America" is like no other film you or I have ever seen. It's done completely with one-third-scale puppets. But that's not really what I'm talking about. It has plenty of songs, but it's not a musical. It's almost an action movie but not really. I'd say it's pretty unclassifiable. Genre boundaries notwithstanding, it succeeds as a send up of most of American cinema.

Action clichés are definitely the first target, but "Team America" more importantly satirize they way American movies view the U.S. as the center of the world with all other countries being secondary. As previously stated in the South America example, "locations" are given in reference to how far they are from America. Paris and Cairo in the film are the Paris and Cairo that would be easily recognizable to Americans who have never left the country. And Team America, in the name of antiterrorism, has the nerve to destroy the easily recognizable landmarks presented in the film (the Eiffel Tower, the Sphinx, etc.).

So what can I say about the actual flick? Not exactly much, for fear of censorship, if that's

any indicator of the nature of this film. Plus, as much of the content of the film is in the form of jokes, I don't want to ruin it for everyone. Sure it's about the most deliciously disgusting films to hit the theaters lately, and as far as structure and form go, I don't think the Oscars are going to be banging on Parker's or Stone's doors anytime soon. However there's much to be taken from the film.

As far as plot goes, it's pretty simple. Team America travels around the world stopping terrorists without any regard for the citizens of the countries they're "protecting" (Did someone say satire?). When one of the team takes a fatal gunshot wound, the rest of the team is quite distressed. They recruit a replacement who is an actor — quite possibly the best weapon ever for fighting terrorism. Using the actor's superb skills, they infiltrate an Iraqi weapons stronghold and destroy all the WMDs they can find. But they didn't find them all. More blatant terrorism occurs (in the aforementioned South America), and the actor feels that he's failed and leaves the team. As I've said before, the plot really isn't important. Just imaging the predicaments that usually happen in action films and multiply them by 1000.

Anyway, the most important element of "Team America" is the humor. Whether brilliant satire or juvenile puke jokes are your fancy, you're sure to be pleased. They actually delve into offensive territory (not offensive to me, of course, as I am soulless), pulling out an antiquated racial slur in their song about AIDS, which is in turn making fun of the musical "Rent" ("Everyone's got AIDS ... straights and the gays, the whites and the spades"). How can they get away with this? Easy — they do what they want and are practically dead-on with everything (save for the celebrity voices that are poorly impersonated throughout). Agitated viewers or those easily offended should keep in mind that nothing is sacred in satire, not even your grandmother.

I guess the main thing I've gleaned from such an atrociously wonderful film is that Matt Stone and Trey Parker have their thumbs on the pulse of society, whereas many of today's performers and creators have theirs jammed up their ... well, once again you know where I'm going with this. "Team America" is an amazingly hilarious film that provides much needed social commentary on the current state of affairs in America ... er ... should I say, "Real" America.



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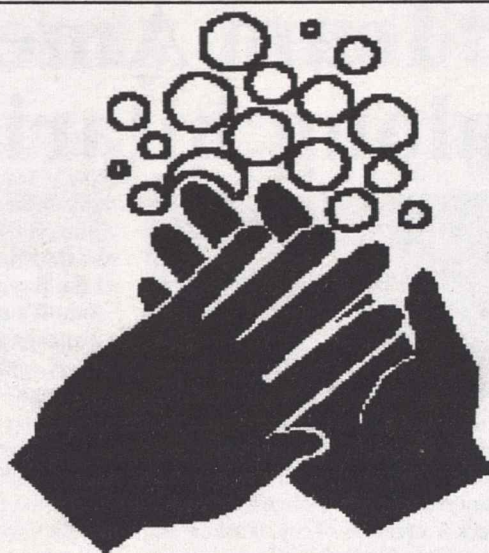
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## “Public” frustrates

GOING PUBLIC  
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“Going Public” is self-described as “an organizer’s guide to citizen action.” So the intended audience, it seems, are organizers trying to start citizen action groups who want a guide for success. That’s precisely what this book should have been: “The Prince” for organizers, a treatise on the most effective means for public action groups to get things done. Instead, it is a drawn-out love fest, enamored with citizen action groups. Gecan spends the first 30 pages praising public action groups and touting them as watchdogs who balance politicians and special interests while advancing only worthy causes.

But Gecan contradicts his own definition of citizen action groups with his very first example, a community group seeking to get New York to invest more public funds in its neighborhoods. While this is not a national public interest, it is a local one; and this contradiction is indicative of the whole book. Gecan seems either unwilling or unable to accept the nature of his organizations; Citizen’s Action Committees are groups seeking to impose their will on others. This fact is something that Gecan never seems to get his head around. He takes great pride in running organizations that broker power, but expresses great resentment towards anyone else who uses power. It seems that, from the standpoint of Gecan, citizen action is acceptable and admirable only when it’s taken by an organization which is run by either him or one of his friends. This would be

forgivable if Gecan would simply stop with extended segments praising personal examples of citizen action.

The writing style of “Going Public” is similarly irritating. Gecan’s style could best be described as gaseous — a little substance expanding to fit all available space with nothing solid. “Going Public” is almost unreadable and a real torture to review. The problem is not that Gecan is excessively verbose or complicated, but rather that he can’t seem to stay on one sentence, much less one topic. Gecan, an ally of the aside and a paladin of the parentheses, rarely writes a sentence that does not digress in a weakly-connected tangent or some bizarre metaphor. The result of this is that Gecan stretches ten pages of material into three to four chapters. This style is entirely inappropriate for a how-to guide.

The actual advice that Gecan gives, when you can find it among his convolutions, is not bad, but does not justify reading, much less paying for the book. Gecan tends to describe such revolutionary wisdom as, “it helps to talk to people and get to know them.” He then launches into an anecdote about a meeting with Mario Cuomo where he learned that some people hate it when you waste their time by wishing simply to get acquainted for 30 minutes. The overall lesson: it helps to get to know people, but not all people. This is typical for “Going Public” — common sense advice that has to be sieved through multiple pages of contradictory anecdotes.

The problem with “Going Public” may simply be one of poor marketing. It’s not a guide to citizen action; it’s an excuse for Gecan to praise citizen action groups for 200 pages. Even if one were to ignore the politics of this, “Going Public” is poorly written, boring and a waste of everyone’s time.



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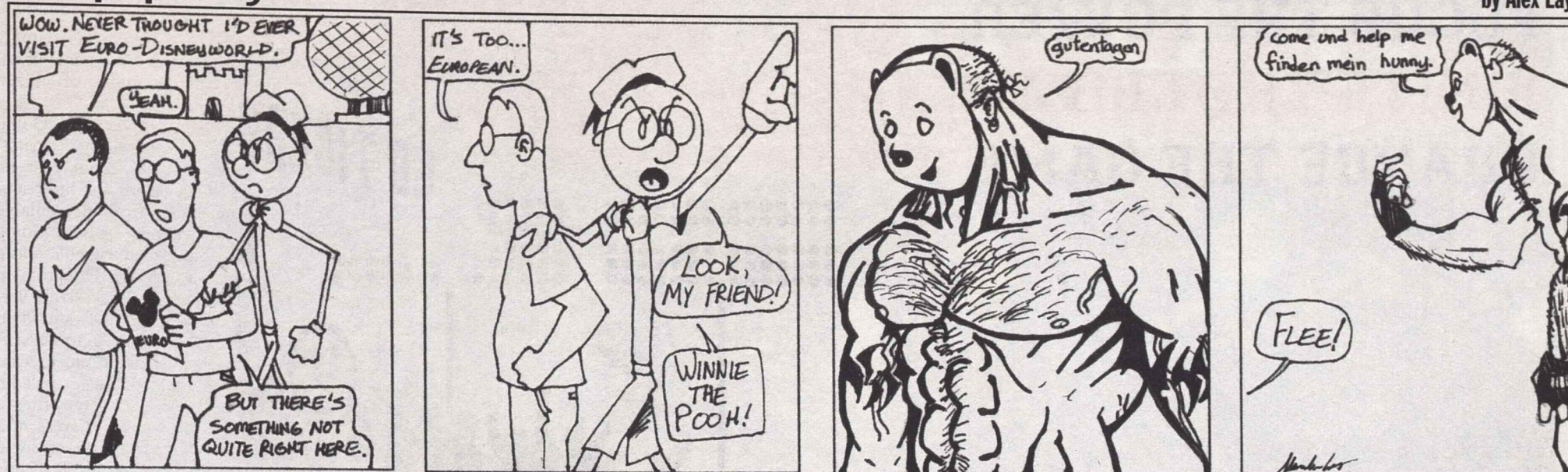
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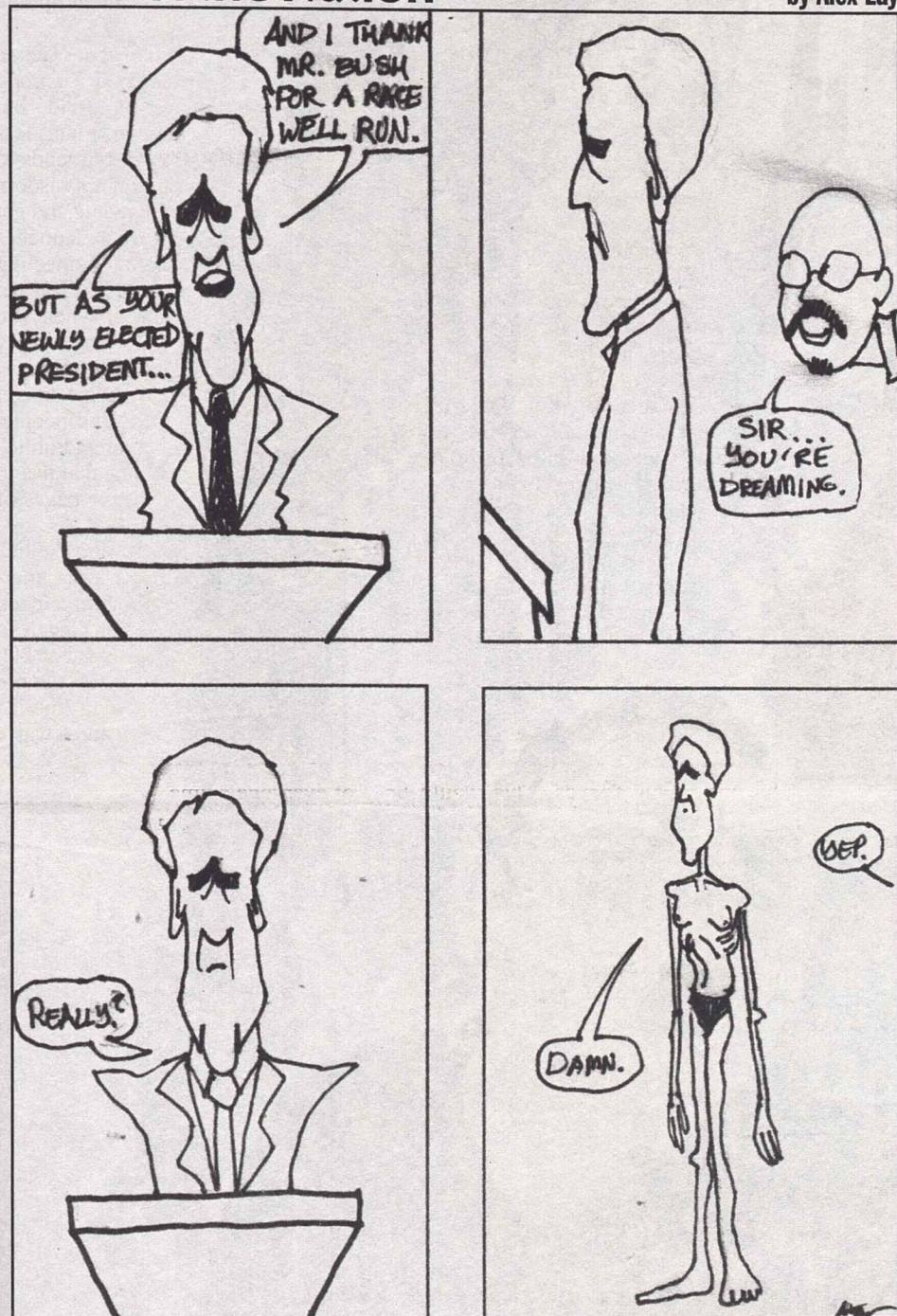
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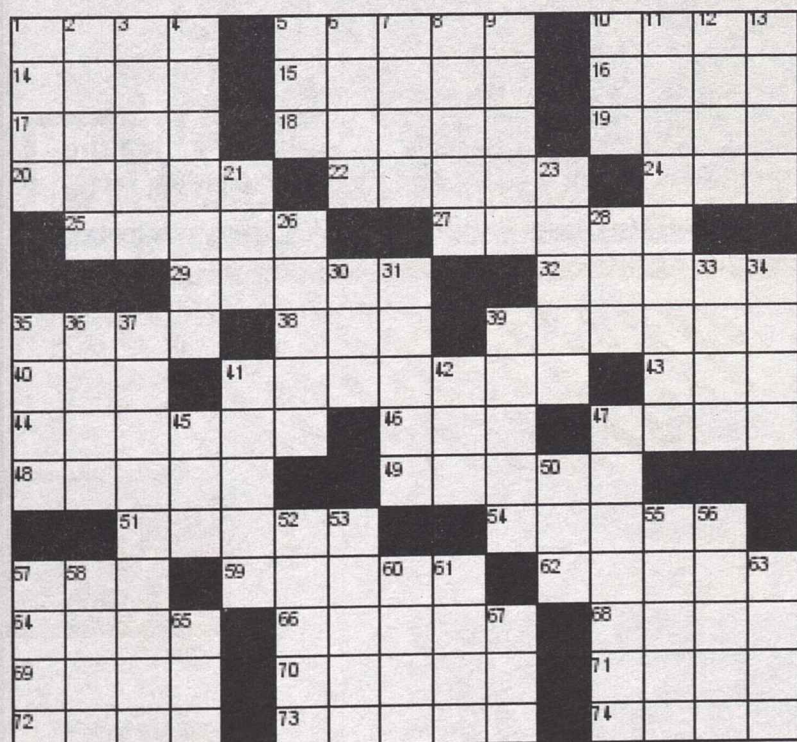


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